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**A**fter a couple of weeks, the sun came out and melted the snow, leaving the parking lot soiled with dirt from all over town. Poquoson High stands on a sunny afternoon in mid-February just after the students were released from its walls.



# Starting Line

BY DEAN SHANNON

Lack of  
change keeps  
people,  
policies in line  
with previous  
events

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At Leanne Phillips' birthday party in October, junior Valerie Sledd attempts to bite an apple during one of the party games. "I felt kind of stupid because I haven't done anything like that since the third grade," said Valerie.

"I have no clue," said senior Rick Hellman responding to a question on what major policy changes occurred in our school.

Other than the minute changes such as the rerouting of the lunch lines, the rebirth of library fines, and the new Fruitopia machines, everything was ALONG THE SAME LINES.

In the past, major changes were implemented that effected the whole school. We moved to the optional seventh period, got many new teachers, changed the administration, and even changed the way our teachers taught.

Unless you were a freshman, a Fruitopia drinker, or a library-privilege abuser, there



were not many adjustments. For the rest of the student body, everything was just like the previous year.

Except for the gigantic freshman class, everything remained the same. There were fewer move-ins, hardly any new teachers, and the same administration. With the same people behind the same policies, things couldn't help but be

As always, lunch provided relief from the monotony of the school day. Students vented their stress in different ways and, on occasion, some creativity came out. Senior Troy Butler takes advantage of his free time during B-lunch by sculpting the "Mountain Dew Warrior."

ALONG THE SAME LINES.

When asked about the changes, or lack of, sophomore Christine Leeson said, "I haven't heard of any."

The changes, as minor as they were, went unnoticed by nearly everyone. "I don't think a thing has changed since last year. The only difference I can see is that being a senior gives you a new point of view on things," said Jeremy Miller.

Even though a new perspective may have helped to get through the monotony of daily life, everything was still ALONG THE SAME LINES.







A**F**T**E**R six hours of racking your brain, you are ready for a break. Whether

By Dean Shannon

# Life Line

Weekend activities, plans similar to those of times past

you play hockey after school or shoot some pool, friends play a major role in your student life.

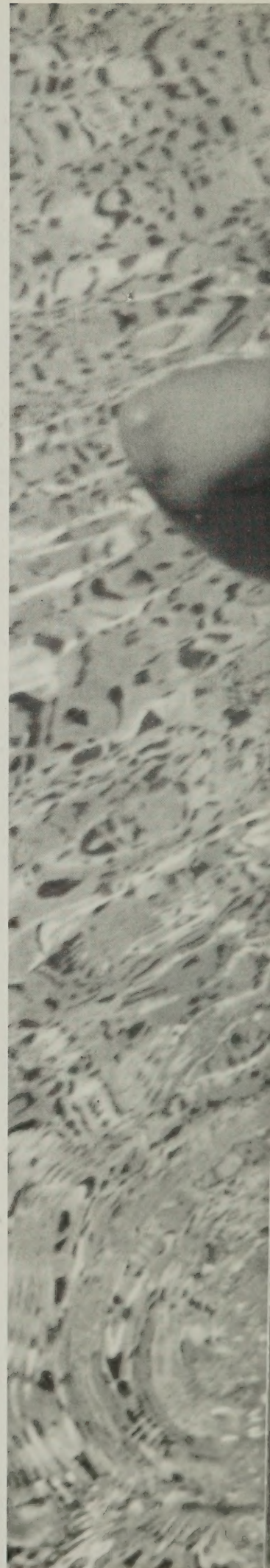
Like the graduates before them, students depended on their peers for the camaraderie they provided. "We usually

go to a game and then end up hanging out at someone's house," said senior Leslie Inge,

describing a typical weekend for students.

The weekend was very similar to a typical weekend when teacher Mrs. Carol Zak attended high school. "Unless there was something special,

T**O**W**A**R**D** the end of the Homecoming Dance, junior Jason Forrest is surrounded by juniors Emily Shepherd, Maura Garvey, Rachel Gilbert, Gretchen Zohn, Sarah Kreiger, and sophomore Randi Webb. "We had a blast hanging out with friends and singing Hootie," said Rachel. Jason attended the dance with Randi, who apparently did not mind sharing him with five other girls.







like a dance, we usually went to a basketball or football game and hung out with friends,” said Mrs. Zak. The similiarity of the two weekends only proved that everything was *ALONG THE SAME LINES*.

With the variety of different events and activities going on all the time, it was amazing everything stayed *ALONG THE SAME LINES*. “Going to the movies, to work, to parties, or trying to recover from Friday’s football game usually made up my weekends,” said junior Jamie Holloway.

Whether at the movies, the game, or just hanging out, friends played a major role in every aspect of student life.

**I**n mid-July, during the height of the heat, beaches and pools were the most popular hang-outs. Sophomore Tammi Perok fixes her hair and exits the water after a cool-down in the pool in her backyard.



# Getting Away

## What did you do over the summer?

"I went to New York like I always do. My parents want to get rid of me so I stay with friends up there. I like going to Manhattan to shop. Besides that I do the same things that I do here."

Nicole Knudsen 10

"I worked in Nags Head at a jewelry shop. I lived by myself on my family's boat. It was a good experience, living on my own and supporting myself. I had a really good time and plan to return next year."

Ginger Aldridge  
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"My friends and I went to Busch Gardens a lot, and we hung out at each other's houses. We also went on trips with our youth groups to little no-name places."

Jesse Buchanan 11

Summer brings  
vacations, jobs, relaxation, time off from  
school, studies

by Rebecca Turkish

Five, Four, Three, Two, One. The countdown is over. It has finally arrived. It has been long awaited. Summer has begun.

Students enjoyed the freedom of summer. They needed the time to relax. Sophomore Michelle Harrell said, "I spent my summer lying on the couch watching television."

Others were not as free. They chose to spend their summer working. Junior Donald Todd said, "This summer I worked at Busch Gardens to save money for a car."

Freshman Mandi Kern agreed with the idea of making money. She said, "Instead of wasting my summer, I babysat three days a week to earn more money."

Senior Mary Roberts kept busy during the summer. She said, "Between going out with my friends and working at Dairy Queen, I barely had any free time."

Vacationing with friends and family was another popular choice among students. Sophomore Kevin McClellan said, "I went to the mountains near Independence for five days. Mr. VanDervort took me and two other students. We fished every day and even played tennis. It was really relaxing, and I hope to go back next year."

The summer was so humid that many students spent time at the beach, whether it was for beach week or with their families. Sophomore Nicole Morehouse said, "I went to Virginia Beach with my relatives. We spent the day laughing at my aunt because she was afraid of the waves. I really enjoyed myself."

Students spent their summer in different ways. Some spent it working and others just lying around, but they all agreed that summer was a long-needed break.



While vacationing with some members of the tennis team and coach Mark VanDervort, senior David Lopez attaches a jig to Aaron VanDervort's fishing pole. David said, "Mr. VanDervort's son, Aaron, kept losing all of my jigs, so I had to keep putting more of them on his fishing pole. At the end of the trip I had lost over half of my jigs."

After a long day at work, junior Jason Forrest took a break to go fishing for salmon. Jason spent the summer in Alaska working for his uncle. His uncle ran a wilderness lodge in Homer. Jason said, "I worked hard all summer, but the times when I got to take a break and do something that I wanted to, it was very rewarding."



Starting the summer off with a dance, seniors Corrigan Threlkeld and Marina Valdez get down to the sounds of the 60's. Instead of going to Beach Week for the first week of summer vacation, Corrigan, Marina, and a few friends made their way to Independence, Virginia, for a week of camping and rafting.



During the summer rain season, heavy high tides were common. Students with waterfront houses saw the docks in their back yards flood over occasionally. Senior Jimmy Brooks sands out on his dock with a glass of coffee while the water covers his feet and ankles.



# Starting Again

## How did you feel on the first day of school?

**"I felt happy to be back from the summer and see all of the friends that I hadn't seen."**

*Suzi Thomas 11*

**"I was really tired on the first day of school because I had seven classes. I was used to sleeping in from the summer, so I was really tired when I had to wake up early."**

*Meghan Steel 9*

**"The first day of school was easier this year because I knew where my classes were and what to expect."**

*Jimmy Royster 10*

**"Since it was my first day at a new school, I was really nervous. The people were so friendly it surprised me!"**

*Tracie*

*VanHeeswyk 9*

**"I wasn't ready for school to start again because I was enjoying the summer so much."**

*Jennifer Brandt*

*10*

*Getting back into routine,  
changes in schedule stir up thoughts of  
summer fun*

*by Beth Ann Thomas*

It's here before you know it. It creeps up on you just when you let down your guard. You've been too busy to realize the time has come. If you're not careful, the first day of school will even surprise you.

The freshmen class was the largest ever to crowd the halls. The halls were more crowded than previous years. However, the freshmen had no problem learning their way around. "Even though I am a freshman, I found my classes easily because I was familiar with the school," said Brian Bunting.

On the first day of school, students understood that they would be taking on more of an academic responsibility than they had the year before. Sophomore April Weaver said, "I have all academic classes this year so on the first day of school I realized it's a big change since last year, when I took two electives."

Being an upperclassman was also a surprise to students. "The biggest change I had on the first day of school was realizing that I was a senior and now I am at the top," said Mark Racz.

Instead of looking forward to the next 180 days of school, students were looking forward to the coming summer. Junior Casey Heck said, "After first hour on the first day of school, I began to look forward to the coming summer."

When the first day of school ended, students were left to reminisce about the summer they left behind, and the school year that was to come.

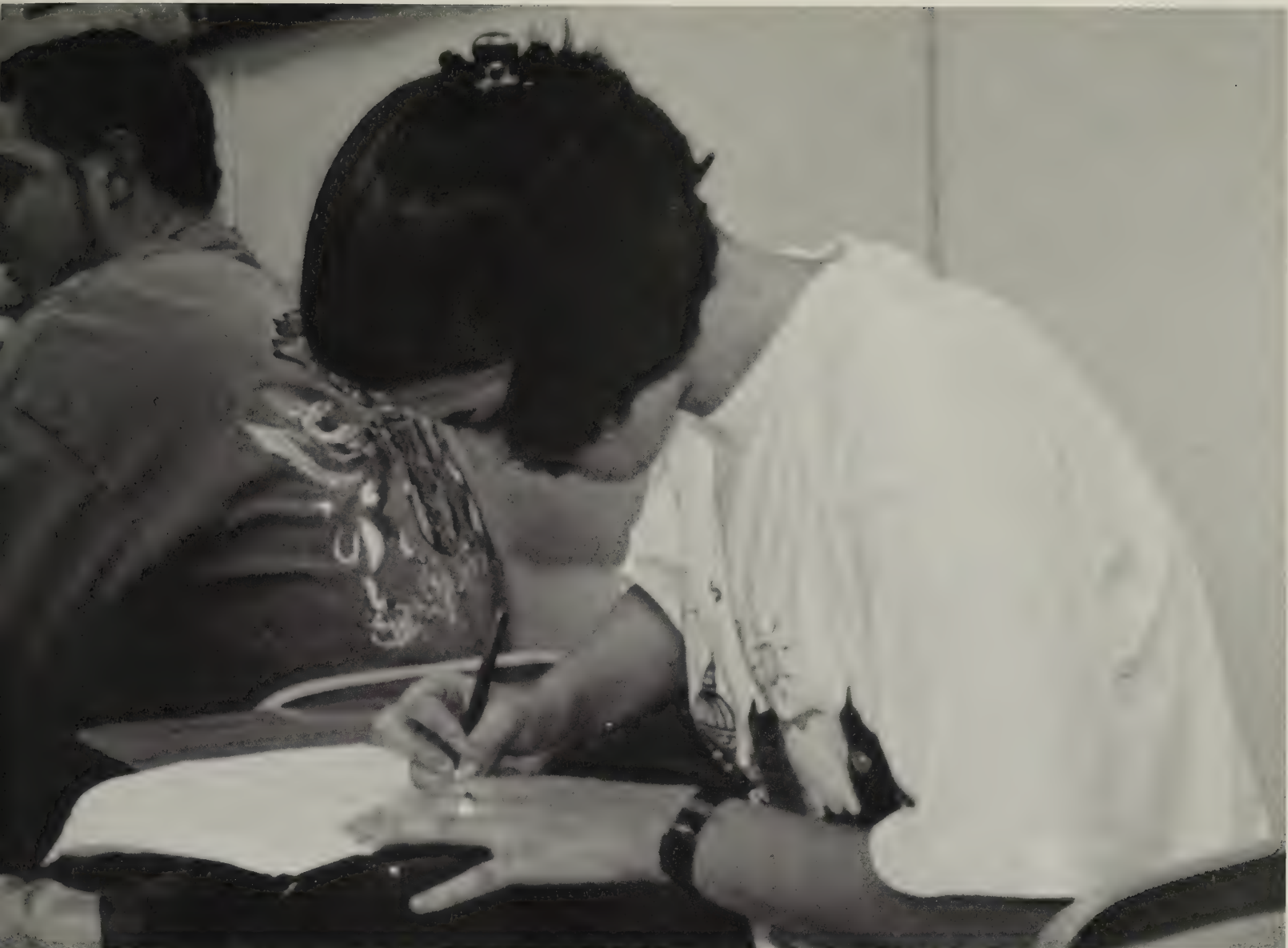


Ignoring the busy hallways, sophomores Corie Forrest and Nina Richardson talk about their summer vacations. Students took time to catch up with people they hadn't seen all summer. Nina said, "I was really surprised on the first day because of all the people in the halls. There were so many new freshmen!"

Pushing a button on the Fruitopia machine, freshman Jason Messick takes advantage of this free time to snack. On the first day of school, students found that using the new juice machines was a great way to get some energy to make it through the rest of the day. The juice machines were supplied by the cafeteria.







On the first day of school, students were not used to all of the work given by the teachers. Senior Allison Dexter does her work so she won't have any homework. After a long, relaxing summer, getting back into the school mode was hard for students.



After receiving their schedules, seniors Bob Goddin and Ginger Aldridge compare what classes they have. The first day of school was usually busy. Students had to find their new classes and conflicting schedules had to be rearranged.



# Going Classic

*Constructing floats,  
decorating halls, Homecoming parade lead  
to week of excitement, enthusiasm*

*by Colleen Smith*

## **What was your fa- vorite event in Spirit Week?**

**"It seemed like this year our class was a lot more organized. I enjoyed building our float."**

*Sandy Shandor 10*

**"I really liked the theme. It was easy to dress up for."**

*Randi Webb 10*

**"I liked the pep rally because it was cool to see all of the seniors in their togas."**

*Heather Ivey 11*

**"I liked building the float because I had never done it before, and it was something new to participate in."**

*Laura Jenkins 9*

**"I enjoyed college sweatshirt day because it was one day that I could easily participate in."**

*Chris Fortier 10*

What do, *Jaws*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and a paper Coca Cola bottle have in common? All of these were ideas used by individual classes during spirit week competitions. They helped the judges separate the individual character of each class's hallway and float. Different class representatives gathered together before spirit week began to make their class's preparations for the up coming festivities and competitions. The theme of Homecoming was "The Classics." Individual classes had to come up with ideas for their floats and hallway surrounding this trend. The hallways were voted on by administrators and teachers during school Friday, while the floats were judged during the parade.

Monday through Wednesday night of spirit week students, administrators, and class advisors piled into the field house to construct their floats and begin on hall decorations. The class halls were decorated Thursday night.

Participants in spirit week had few complaints, but when asked what could be done to make next year's festivities more enjoyable, one comment surfaced more than once with students. Freshman Jason Messick said, "I think things would have been better if more people got involved and dressed up."

Senior Pete Nadolny agreed with Messick. He said, "Although there were a lot of people involved in Spirit Week it was the same people participating everyday. I wish more people would have gotten involved."

Whether students were hardly involved or were hammering into wood, Spirit Week proved to be an exciting time as everyone got involved and participated.



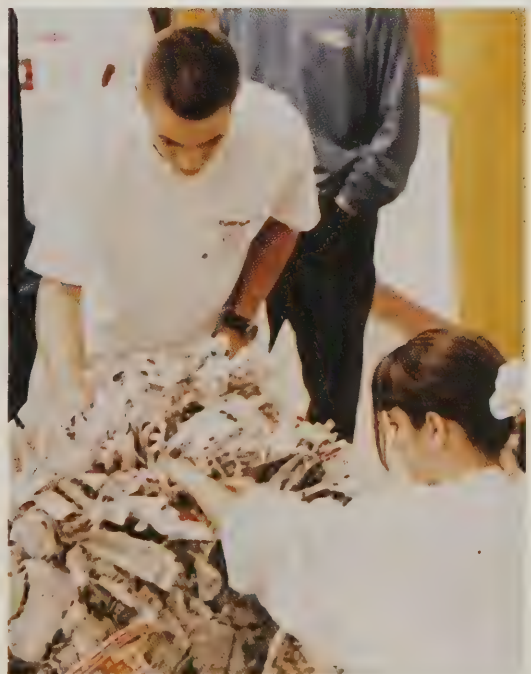
Dressed up in maroon and gold, sophomores Stacey Stone, Christine Leeson, and Tami Perok cheer for the class of '98. Stone said, "Before the pep rally, a few friends stayed at my house Thursday night to tie-dye shirts. We decorated them with puffy paints when we were done. Before school we painted '98's on our faces to show class spirit."

After the ceremony of selecting a Homecoming king, crowning him, and performing the Hot-cha Hot-cha cheer, the varsity cheerleaders congratulated the new king senior Joey Harris with a kiss on the cheek. Junior Rachel Gilbert kisses Joey while he sits on his throne in the middle of the gym. At the dance Saturday night, Joey danced with the queen, senior Laura Schempf.





Before leading the seniors on their parade around the gym, senior class president Marcus Jones pumps up his classmates for the pep rally. When asked why he dressed up Marcus said, "I wanted to do something to improve our class's performance from previous years." The senior class won the spirit stick, awarded by teachers to the most spirited class.



Monday through Wednesday of Spirit Week, different classes gathered in the field house at the Middle School to construct their floats for the parade. The theme was "The Classics." Seniors Robbie Bolden and Michelle Watkins work together to put paper on the bull. The seniors' float won first place in Friday's parade.



# Lasting Times

**What was the best/worst part of Homecoming?**

**"I was at the beauty shop and since my hair was so thick, my stylist couldn't put it up. I ended up being one and a half hours late."**

*Jenny Stallings 10*

**"The best part was being involved with all of the events, and the worst was leaving knowing it was our last Homecoming."**

*Mandy Groseth 12*

**"I really enjoyed getting down to the music, but it was really hot in the commons."**

*Cody Spencer 9*

**"The worst part about Homecoming was what happened to me at Nara of Japan. At dinner before the dance, we told them it was my birthday and they burnt me with the birthday candle."**

*Vicki Firth 10*

*Defeat in football game precedes night of good music, wild dancing, socializing, memorable times*

*by Beth Ann Thomas*

Hearing the music echo through your ears as a cloud of smoke passes in front of your eyes, you feel beads of sweat rolling down your forehead. Around you, herds of people dance energetically. You are nervous, but excited, because the Homecoming Dance has finally arrived.

Since many of the freshmen had never experienced a school-related, semiformal dance, they didn't know what it would be like after all the hype. "I didn't really know what to expect. The DJ wasn't really that great because he played a lot of old songs, but overall I had a really great time," said Mandie Kern.

Instead of going with a date, some students went stag and hung out with their friends. Attending the dance and going to dinner in large groups was common among students. "I went to the dance with a bunch of friends. We had a lot of fun dancing together. I only wish the dance had lasted longer. The time flew by so quickly," said junior Valerie Sledd.

Although the Homecoming Dance turned out to be a success, the homecoming football game didn't go as well. The Islanders lost to the Nansemond River Warriors 22-3. When asked his opinion on the game sophomore Emile Cochet said, "We all played our hearts out. We had a decent running game, but our passing wasn't top flight."

Students looked forward to Homecoming. They had good times at the dance and football game. Even though the game was a slight disappointment, everyone felt that overall Homecoming was a huge success.



Preparing for the play, senior quarterback Erick Zohn receives the ball from the center. The Homecoming football game was the last event in Spirit Week before the Homecoming dance. The Islanders lost the game to the Nansemond River Warriors 3-22.

Handing over their tickets, sophomore Joey Tholl and date Sandy Jones enter the school for the Homecoming dance. The dance was held October 14 at 8:00 p.m. Joey said, "It was the first dance I have ever been to. It was fun, but the music was bad."







After being crowned homecoming queen, senior Laura Schempf and escort senior Charlie French are overtaken by photographers. The announcement of the queen took place at the Homecoming football game during halftime. Laura was crowned queen by last year's queen, Reesa Davis.

Dancing their last dance, sophomores Sandy Shandor and her escort Peter Anderson smile as the song comes to an end. For many couples it seemed like the dance didn't last long. Pete said, "The dance flew by so quickly. I was having so much fun that when the lights came on I wasn't even ready to go. Even though the dance didn't last that long I had a great time anyway."



# Standing Out

*Blue jeans, Burkenstocks,  
skirts, thrift stores, t-shirts allow for  
individual dress, style*

*by Nicole Feldt*

*What do  
you wear  
that  
makes you  
unique?*

"I like to wear original t-shirts like Reese's Peanut Butter Cups because no one else has them. I dress however I feel. I can be in a dress one day and beat up jeans and a t-shirt the other. I especially like my grandpa's clothes. He has good taste."

*Shari Gross 10*

"My whole idea of fashion is dressing eclectic. Instead of dressing one way, everyday, I mix and match, so that my clothes match my mood. I like to try different stuff in, so that I look different."

*Terri Parrish 9*

"I don't like conformity in fashion, I hate buying things 20 other people have. People should wear what they want and not have to live up to other people's expectations."

*Shannon Weisner*

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Baa . . . The flock instinct may be drilled into sheep, but does the same apply to people?

The style of individuals did not necessarily have anything to do with what was in the main stream magazines, runways, and stores. Junior Angela Taliaferro said, "I like to mix and match different styles, it really depends on what kind of mood I'm in when I wake up in the morning. If I'm running late I usually wear loose jeans and a t-shirt with my Burks."

Sophomore Aimee Utecht changed clothes that were in style to her own look. She said, "Somedays I wear tie dyed t-shirts and other days I wear dresses. I like wearing what I wear, and if somebody doesn't like it, I don't care."

Clothes were chosen by students for more reasons than what they looked like or what everyone else was wearing. Some were chosen for their pure comfort. When asked about her clothes, sophomore Danielle Kukich said, "They're just generic. They are comfortable, and I concentrate at school better when I wear comfortable clothes."

Not all students liked wearing just t-shirts and jeans to school all of the time. They chose to dress to look good. Senior Michelle Watkins said, "I like to dress up a little bit, but not too much. I don't want to look like a bum everyday."

Whether they liked to stick strictly with what was "in" or strike out on their own and get creative with different outfits, everyone had their own ideas about how to show up at school in their own individual style.



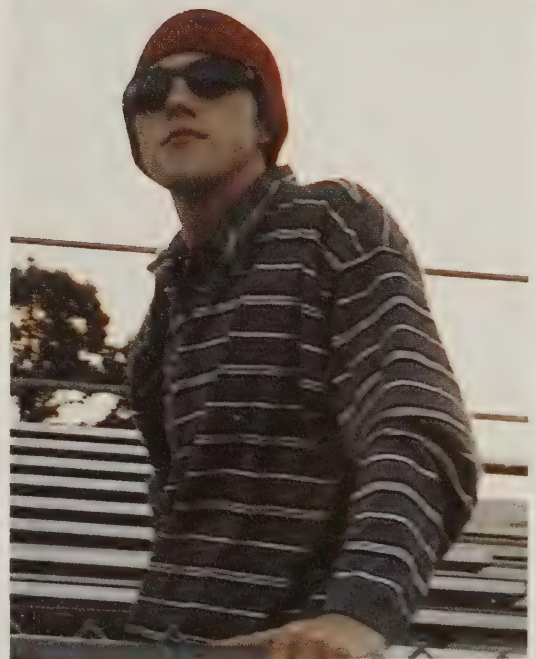
While at sophomore Tara Starnier's house, she and freshman Terri Parrish look at a magazine. Comfort was the look that Tara and Terri were aiming for. Tara said, "When I am with my friends I don't usually care about what fashion statement I'm making, just what's comfortable."

Turning around on the dance floor, junior Malcolm Matheson shows his individual style and creativity at the Homecoming dance. Malcolm wore a green velvet sportcoat, a gold shirt and topped everything off with a vintage top hat. Malcolm also braided his hair in tiny braids instead of combing it.





During Algebra 2/ Trig, sophomore Sara Johnson talks to a friend as she bends down to get something out of her bookbag. Students expressed their hobbies through the clothes they wore. Wearing her split shirt and Vans, Sara proved to be someone who loved to surf and skate in her spare time.



Looking at the band practice on the Middle School football field, junior Preston Noe sports his Stussy hat, Black Fly sunglasses, and Gap shirt. Students had many ways of expressing themselves through the clothes they wore. Preston said, "I wore this to band practice because it's very stylish and gets all the chicks."



# Keeping Busy

*What do you do for a hobby?*

"I watch a lot of TV. Instead of doing my homework because I have senioritis. Every day when I get home from school I watch Jenny Jones, Rikki Lake, and Montel Williams."

*Sarah Evans 12*

"I like going roller skating just to get out of the house. I go with a lot of my friends to the Main Street skating rink about once every other Friday."

*Michele Dalbey 11*

"I like bowling. When I was five years old my mom told me I was going to bowl, so I've been doing it ever since."

*Amy Sutherland 10*

"I like practically every sport, especially baseball and basketball. Since I broke my leg I like having crutches' fights."

*Chris Render 9*

*Surfing, cooking, acting occupy spare time, provide recreation, relaxation*

*by Nicole Feldt*

What do you do when not beleaguered by schoolwork, sports practices, and jobs? Do you sit on the couch, a bag of chips in one hand and the remote in the other, or do you use these few moments to pursue a hobby?

Sophomore Sara Johnson chose the latter option. For Sara the best days were beach days. She said, "I love surfing because it's something I can do by myself without having to worry about anything else. I can forget everything and just have fun."

Some cooked, some ate, and some liked to do both. Junior Chris Lorigan said, "I like to make desserts, especially cakes, but I'd rather eat them."

Students had hobbies in school as well as out. The drama program was just this for the thespians of the school, on stage or behind the scenes. Senior Laura Kukich said, "I like drama because we all work together. We get to perform and we enjoy what we do."

In her free time, sophomore Victoria Harper liked to make dried flower arrangements. She said, "The best part of making them is collecting the flowers. I brought one bunch of roses back from England."

Hobbies, however, were also done for the hope of profit. Freshman Steven Feigh said, "I collect coins because maybe someday they'll be worth something."

Free time was precious during the busy days of school. Students leapt on any spare moments to spend time doing something that was enjoyed, whether it was collecting, creating, acting, or catching waves.



Playing his guitar, sophomore Jon Hill relaxes after school. Hobbies provided students with recreation after a long school day. They also found that taking part in a hobby or extracurricular activity was a good way to burn off stress.

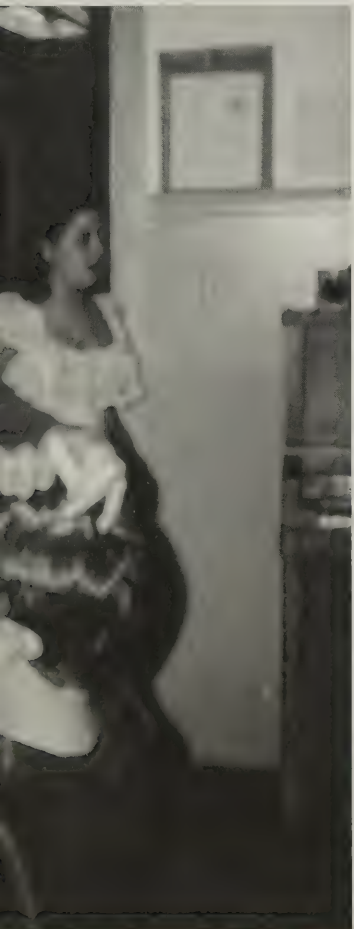


Drama was a hobby for many students. It allowed them to spend time with their friends and to perform on stage together. Senior Laura Kukich puts stage makeup on senior Steven Gunther before a performance.





Out-of-school competition gave athletes an extra opportunity to pursue their hobbies. Croatia foreign exchange student Nick Laca practices his back hand on the tennis courts after school. Nick won the Master's tournament in Men's Open in October.



During his lunch period, junior Paul Rosensteel jumps into the air to hit his hacky sack. Lunch provided free time for students to get away for twenty-five minutes. Students ate, socialized with friends, and relaxed. No matter what activity students participated in, lunch was a time for everybody to enjoy.



# Spreading Cheer

*Gifts, fundraisers,  
shopping, time off, decorations lead to  
holidays of joy*

*by Beth Ann Thomas*

**What was  
the best  
present  
you  
received  
during the  
holidays?**

**"I got to go to California to visit my sister and go skiing at Lake Tahoe."**

*Alex Glushko 12*

**"I got the car stereo that I needed for my El Camino. It's a lot better than my old eight track player!"**

*Jason Bryant 11*

**"I received tickets to the Dave Matthews Band concert. I didn't end up going, but it was still a cool gift."**

*Danielle Kukich*

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**"Money, because I can buy whatever I want with it."**

*Jamie Rodgers 9*

**"My boyfriend asked me out on Christmas Day. That was my best present."**

*Lindsey King 10*

Cookies, presents, jingle bells, red and green. These are all parts of the winter holidays.

Students took advantage of the holiday cooking. Sophomore Jason Verser said, "The best part about Christmas was all of the food. After I finished eating, I was the one looking like Santa Claus!"

Not everyone was as jolly as Santa around the winter holidays. Shopping centers were more crowded. "What I hated most about Christmas was shopping. So many people were at the mall," said sophomore Michelle Harrell.

The Student Council Association contributed to the holidays spirit by decorating the commons and sponsoring the Holly Ball, rent-an-elf and the Santa and Mrs. Claus contest. They also donated money to the Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters. "I was ecstatic over the turn out at Holly Ball. It involved such a large portion of the student body," said SCA President Dean Shannon.

Students really seemed to appreciate what the SCA did during the holidays. "I really like the snow flakes and Christmas tree in the commons," said freshman Jenny Lippincott.

Some were busy with all of the activities, and others weren't because of health or other reasons. Junior Tracy Morse said, "I had mono during the holidays. I really didn't get a chance to participate in the activities."

Holidays ended and students were left to recover and wait for Valentine's Day.



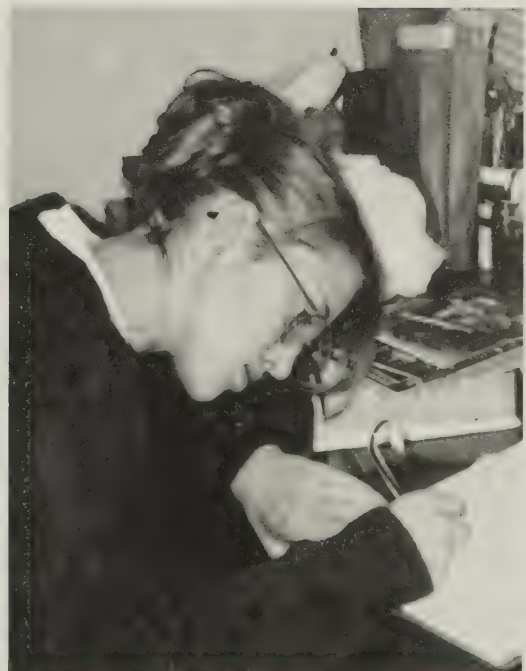
Dressed up in their rent-an-elf costumes, seniors Renee Hunt, Marina Valdez, Tim Murphy, Amy Vest, and Sara Shaw prepare to sing a song. Rent-an-elf was sponsored by SCA and took place during both lunches.

Turning around one last time for her mom to see her dress, sophomore Tammi Perok heads out the door with her friends and their dates for Holly Ball. Holly Ball was held just before the winter holiday vacation. It got students excited and into the holiday spirit.





The holidays were a time to spread cheer and be jolly. Senior Mary Roberts and sophomore Corie Forrest laugh with each other as they stand beside Corie's Christmas tree before leaving for the Holly Ball. Mary and Corie went with a group of friends to the dance.



Writing Christmas cards, senior Hilary Johnson keeps in touch with old friends. Hilary displayed her holiday spirit by using a candy-cane pen. She said, "I waited till after Christmas to write my Christmas cards because I had forgotten about it. At least people got them, it didn't matter when."



# Receiving Love

## Talk about your pets

"I have three puppies that are all pretty close in age. It's kind of a pain right now because they aren't trained, but I love dogs so it will really be neat when they are older and I can do more things with them."

Katie Nolan 12

"We didn't have a pet for a long time, then this cat started meowing outside our house. My sister liked it and convinced my mom and dad to keep it."

Jason Bryant 11

"My dog Maggie is a good dancer, but she only does it for food. She goes up on her hind feet and walks around. She's very smart."

Rachel Fithian 10

"I have a Lhaso Apso named Sparkles. All he does is sleep. He's afraid of everything, especially thunderstorms. He cries whenever it rains."

Kimberly Garriss 9

*Felines, canines, reptiles provide companionship, amusement, chance to show affection*

by Nicole Feldt

Fuzzy, furry, warm and cuddly creatures . . . or not. They could also be feathery. Or they could be scaly. But no matter how they came, students had them.

Cats were popular pets among students. Sophomore Elizabeth Render said, "My cat Brownpaws is so fat. He looks like Jaba the Hutt from *Star Wars* when he sits up."

Pets were also talented. Junior Jennifer Snyder said, "If you say anything to him, my cat talks back to you. He even talks on the phone with my friends. His name is Oscar, and he's a Siamese. Once my mom shut his tail in the door, now it's bent at a 90 degree angle."

Pets had their own way of communicating with their owners. Junior Angela Taliaferro said, "We have a sliding glass door with blinds that you can't see through, so when my cat wants in, she knocks on the door. Her name is Florence, and we got her in Italy when we lived there."

Students had indoor and outdoor cats. Freshman Amanda Moore said, "My cat is declawed and to get exercise she runs on mirrors and windows. She also jumps up for treats, which is why she's so fat."

Students also had more exotic pets. Senior Jenny Freeman said, "I have a lizard named Capone. Sometimes I forget to feed him. He only eats once a week, and he gets really happy when I remember. He eats crickets, and he looks like a miniature alligator."

Pets gave comfort and entertainment. Playing or cuddling, pets served their purpose.



Snakes were a rare pet among students. Most chose to go with furry or feathered animals. Sophomore Frank Beazlie chose to go the reptile route when he purchased his boa constrictor, Rosie.

Not all students' pets were traditional. Senior Alex Glushko pets his cat, Pricilla, who doesn't have a tail. Alex said, "One day when I was little, I accidentally ripped my cat's tail off when I was swinging it around. It was a bloody mess and I cried for days."







Taking a break from a long study session, sophomores Maurice Kaiser and Blair Hardaway pet Blair's cat, Stormy. Cats seemed to be the most common pet among students because they were easy to care for and very lovable.



While hanging out in his room, freshman David Freeman plays with his dog Sheba. David got Sheba as a present for Christmas. Sheba was a six week old German Shepherd puppy when David's parents gave her to him.



# Sledding Away

*Winter snow storms  
lead to missed days, icy roads,  
sledding adventures*

*by Colleen Smith*

**What did  
you do  
during the  
snow  
days?**

"I played in the snow, but after about five days it got boring. I was ready to go to school."

*Angie Houston 11*

"I stayed inside and watched the Real World Marathon like two times!"

*Neal Graham 9*

"I got in my bathtub and pretended it was a swimming pool. I hate snow and love the summer time."

*Shari Gross 10*

"I tied a rope to the back of my friend's car and tied an inner tube to the rope. Since there aren't many hills around, my friends and I tubed behind cars."

*Jonathan Falls 10*

"During the snow days, my friends and I all got together and hung out. We would go outside in the snow, but that got really old."

*Michelle Watkins 12*

What is white, fluffy, wet and will leave you shivering, your teeth chattering and turn your skin blue?

The frequent snow and ice storms caused a lot of property damage and many days where school was cancelled or late. Most students were thrilled by the whole winter wonderland experience, but they were also annoyed with the frequent precipitation.

Many were enthusiastic in saying that the snow was wonderful. Senior Paul Watlington said, "Snow is the best! It makes you feel like you are in a whole other world. Although it does have bad sides, like it makes your body stiff."

Students went skiing, built snow men, had snowball fights, or went up to Yorktown battlefields for sledding. A group, however, chose to stick around school and have fun out by the track. Senior Marcus Jones told about his snow day. He said, "My friends and I went to the back of the high school. We made snow angels and hit each other with snowballs. We had a grand time."

One of the main complaints about the winter storms was the missed school. Everyone knew the days would have to be made up. Junior Jake Martin said, "I don't think we should make the days up. We can't control the weather, and we shouldn't have to give up a Saturday to go to school."

Even though the make up days continually hung over everyone's head, students chose to have fun anyway.

Whether students liked or disliked the snow, they dealt with it.



The snow allowed for a lot of missed school days. This gave students a chance to have fun with the bad weather. After going down a hill on his sled, junior Jason Forrest pulls his sled up the hill for someone else to ride. Jason and a group of his friends went to the Yorktown battlefields.

Keeping warm during the winter weather was very important, especially for students who planned on making the best of the snow. Preparing to go sledding with her friends, senior Mandy Groseth pulls on ski overalls to keep warm. Mandy and her friends went to the Yorktown battlefields to have some fun with the winter weather.





Getting the snow off Colleen Smith's window, senior Melissa Messick and sophomore Randi Webb gather snow for their snowman. Melissa said, "I was really excited about making a snowman because snow only comes once every 4 or 5 years."



Hitting a jump on his snowboard, junior Malcolm Matheson flies into the air. Malcolm went to Massanutten Ski Resort for a weekend to take advantage of the winter storm. Students were often found at various ski resorts on weekends and snow days.



# Helping Hands

**What is your least favorite part about working?**

"I don't like the hours that I have to work because I don't get to spend as much time with my friends."

*Jesse Buchanan 11*

"There's a lot less time for me to do what I want to do, and there's no break for the weekend. I just go to school and work, then school again."

*Judd Compton 10*

"I worked at Kuman Math and Reading center and I teach little kids how to read. Sometimes they get mad and they start to cry and it drives me crazy because there's no way to get them to stop."

*Liz Render 10*

"The work. I hate manual labor. I'm a grocery stocker at Super K, and I have to push 400 pound carts around."

*Jeremy Miller 12*

*Lending spare time to earn money, get experience, earn credits*

*by Beth Ann Thomas*

It's Friday night. You and your friends have planned a wild and crazy night out on the town. But, wait! You just remembered that you have to work tonight.

Nearby theme parks were a common place for students to work at in the spring and over the summer. Junior Donald Todd said, "I like working at Busch Gardens because I get to wear cool costumes and make a fool of myself."

Faculty members seemed to enjoy their jobs. Athletic trainer Mark Rappatone said, "I love my job. Where else could you work with sports, kids, and feel hairy legs all day long?"

Making money was a big reason why students chose to work. When asked about her work experience sophomore Crystal Thrasher said, "I bus tables and wash dishes at the Briar Patch Tea Room. I don't mind it except when the plates are really gross. I get paid in cash everyday, so it's really cool."

Work schedules took away from social activities. Senior Kevin Cockrell, who worked at Busch Gardens said, "I really hate working because when all of my friends are going out together, I'm stuck at work sweeping trash with my socks pulled up to my knees."

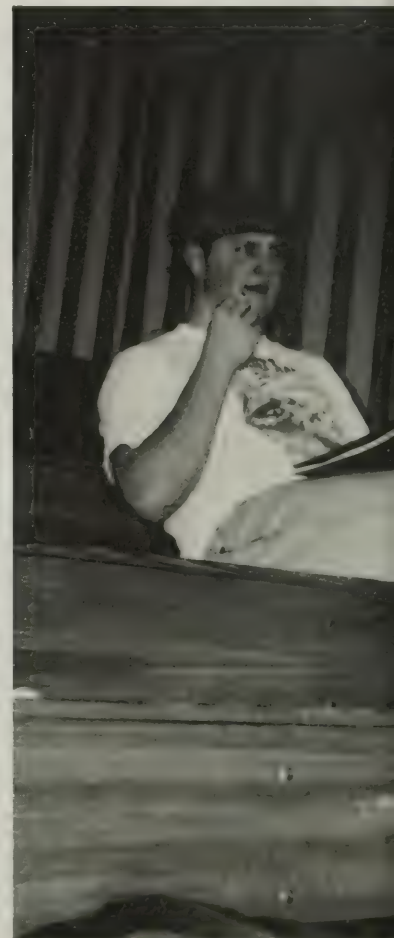
Because of age, students sometimes volunteered instead of working. "Since I'm not 16 years old, I decided to volunteer at Virginia Living Museum to get some experience in the field I want to work in," said sophomore Frank Beazlie.

Students worked or volunteered for different reasons, but they all had one thing in common: they were lending a helping hand.



Volunteering his time at the Poquoson Seafood festival, sophomore Judd Compton helps raise money for the band. Judd and other band boosters worked at the goldfish toss. Many clubs and organizations volunteered their time to serve the community or make money.

Students had the choice of attending athletic events. Junior Jason Bryant volunteered the majority of his weekends and weekday nights to be the school's statistician. Jason accompanied teams to away games, matches, and tournaments. At a wrestling match, he watches to make sure the team's record will be correct.







During Homecoming week, students and teachers volunteered their time to help in the festivities. Freshman Meghan Steele colors letters on a sign that helped decorate the freshman hall.



Dozens of cookies served as a way of making money for clubs and organizations. Graduate Carla Juhl and sophomore Ashley Lamberton got the Otis Spunkmeyer cookies ready for the Chorus fund-raiser..



# Loving Arms

## How do you feel about PDA?

"A little hug and kiss is OK, but when a couple is all over each other all the time it gets annoying - but then again, if you don't like it just ignore them."

Maryam Tabibi 12

"I feel that PDA should not be allowed in our school. Seeing people grope and lick each other makes my stomach queasy."

Chris Thompson 12

"PDA doesn't bother me a lot if it is just a little hug or something, but if a couple is always all over each other it gets annoying."

Jaclyn Smith 11

*Trust, friendship, companionship allow for more than just a friend*

by Beth Ann Thomas

"...For richer or for poorer...till death do us part." Marriage may represent a lifetime commitment, but does dating mean the same?

Public displays of affection were often demonstrated between classes and during lunch by couples in the hallways. Sophomore Randi Webb said, "I really don't mind PDA except when couples are together blocking the halls and won't move. It's a real inconvenience when I'm trying to get somewhere."

There were many important elements that were needed to make a relationship last for any amount of time. "I think trust is the most important thing in a relationship because you never truly know a person if you don't trust them," said senior Mandy Groseth.

Dating more than one person was common among students who wanted to get to know a lot of people. Sometimes, however, couples did stay together. Sophomore Pete Anderson said, "I enjoy dating different people, but it's nice when you find the right person. Actually, I think I have found the right person."

Breaking up was part of relationships. Students felt that it happened to a lot of couples during the course of dating. Freshman Megan Powell said, "Breaking up happens to most couples, some more than others. It all depends on how compatible two people are."

Although dating and couples were unusual and oftentimes hard to understand, senior Jamie Douglas summed the dating world up. She said, "Sometimes dating a person can be really great and everything works out, but other times it's like a slap in the face. It's like a see-saw."



Between classes couples took time to catch up with each other. Senior Troy Walls and freshman Brandy Watson talk after getting their books for the next class. Couples had to take advantage of the few moments of spare time that they had.

Dances were a popular way for couples to show that they were dating. Before going across the bridge at Ring Dance, sophomore Shawn Lacks looks at junior Erin Gooding's ring. While on the bridges, couples locked rings and then sealed it with a kiss.





Helping each other out was just another part of being a couple. Junior Amanda Robertson helps her boyfriend Adam Simmons fix the vest for his tuxedo. A lot of guys wore a tux to school for a day, advertising the company that they rented from. In doing this the guys received a discount on their tuxes for prom.



Walking over the bridge at Ring Dance was always a special moment for couples. Junior Maura Garvey looks up at her boyfriend senior Dave Connors after he locks her ring. Maura and Dave followed up on the tradition with a kiss.



# Letting Loose

**What are good things about the dances?**

"There's always a wide variety of music to dance to. It's all not just one style."

*Rikki Stetson 10*

"Dances are great because it's a chance to cut loose and go nuts! I love to dance with a big group of people and a lot of times I meet new people. I'm always sad to hear the music end."

*Peggy Gross 12*

"I like dances because they are cheap to get in to. When I only have a few bucks, I can still have one crazy night."

*Aaron Gaul 9*

"I like being able to just relax with my friends and not have to think about anything else. The informal dances were cool, too, because you don't have to get all dressed up."

*Michelle Harrell 10*

*Dances provide opportunity to party with friends, relieve anxiety*

*by Colleen Smith*

From hicks to plastic beads, how could they be involved in dancing for hours?

The Sadie Hawkins Dance took place in the fall. This dance offered a different twist. Instead of dressing in a fancy dress or suit, overalls and long johns were the key. The biggest difference was that the girls asked the guys, then pinned a pillow on them to "mark their man."

Sadie Hawkins proved to be fun for most students. Junior Emily Shepherd said, "I had fun at Sadie Hawkins because we had a whole bunch of us go together as a group."

Senior Ryann Sawyer agreed with Emily, "I'm really glad that they had Sadie Hawkins this year. Everyone really got involved and had a great time."

Valentine's Day was the next holiday for students to dance towards. With pink and red as the decorating colors the mood was set for love. When asked, sophomore Randi Webb had this to say, "Valentine's was one of the best dances I have gone to. The decorations were great!"

Though very few if any were present for the Mardi Gras festivities in New Orleans, the International Club and Odyssey of the Mind saw no reason why school couldn't celebrate with a dance.

Senior Michelle Watkins said about Mardi Gras, "It was cool because it was different. Instead of dressing up we all got to relax in our everyday clothes."

Whether the dance took place in September or March, all of them proved to be a great success.



Before going out on the dance floor at the Sadie Hawkins Dance, seniors Jeff Mitchell, Melissa Messick, Nick Laca and Sara Burke socialize. Flannel shirts and overalls were popular items to wear. Students also wore straw hats or braids to accent the farming apparel.

Busting a move on the commons' floor, sophomore Jamison Potter tries his hand at break dancing. Students enjoyed an entertaining evening at the Valentine's Day Dance, although not everyone joined in with all the various dances that were performed.





Pinning her pillow on senior Dave Connor's back, senior Ryann Sawyer prepares for Sadie Hawkins. Unlike most dances, girls asked the guys to go to Sadie Hawkins. Pinning a pillow with a poem on it on the guy's back finalized the date.



After being chosen King and Queen of Hearts at the Valentine's Day Dance, seniors Tim Murphy and Lara Flanagan dance to a slow song. Students socialized and danced from 8:30 to 11:30 on February 10 to celebrate the holiday. Tim and Lara were chosen by applause and cheering at the dance.



# Letting loose

*Where did  
you go  
over  
spring  
break?*

"We journeyed to Charles City County, just outside Williamsburg. The festivity was Ja Fest '96, a gigantic gathering of today's youth. It was sponsored by a fraternity at William and Mary, and there were five bands playing all day."

*Paul Watlington  
12*

"We played Hide and Go Seek at Christina Dominguez's house."

*Tammi Perok 10*

"I went to Myrtle Beach with all of my friends."

*Shannon  
Weisner 11*

"I went to Washington D.C. with my family. I hated every minute of it, but my family wouldn't let me stay home."

*Kristi Geppert 10*

*Beaches, theme parks,  
family, friends, add to Spring Break  
events, activities*

*by Nicole Feldt*

The second week of April. It is the one thing that breaks up the months between the holidays and the last day of school.

Spring break offered vacations with families and friends. Freshman Renee Booth said, "I went swimming down in Coco Beach in Florida. We met these guys from Kentucky who kept making fun of our accents."

The break from school was also a chance for students to visit with friends who didn't live nearby. Junior Jessica Jeffreys said, "Over my spring break I went to Springfield, Maryland, to get a friend and bring her back here to give her a taste of the Poquoson night life. We basically did nothing, except for a trip to Busch to check out all their new attempts at entertaining the public."

Staying in town was another possibility for students over spring break. Freshman Charlotte Teague said, "My boyfriend came down for the week. We spent a bunch of time with my friends, and since we couldn't find any rides we had to walk all over Poquoson."

The chilly weather affected students' plans for the break. Sophomore Jonathan Falls said, "I went to Daytona Beach. It was really cold so I didn't get to go in the ocean, but I still had a pretty fun time."

Students took advantage of a week off from school by vacationing, visiting with friends and family, applying for summer jobs, or just staying home and watching television. No matter how the weather was or how students did or didn't have transportation, they still made the best of their week without school.



Lying under her bed comforter, sophomore Ashley Lamberton relaxes, trying to cure her sunburn. Ashley went to the Bahamas for a few days during spring break to relieve academic stress. Sophomore Jenny Stallings went with Ashley.

Spring Break presented a time for students to goof off. Senior Stuart Sutton and junior Shannon Weisner display their humorous personalities by sitting on an immobile motorcycle in front of Hard Rock Cafe in South Carolina.







After repelling down a cliff, senior Hilary Johnson receives help in taking off her harness. Hilary chose to spend her spring break at Rock Enon in northern Virginia. She went with a group of explorer scouts.

Taking a break from the heat, senior Kevin Cockrell and junior Remle Diggs drink a coke. Kevin, Remle, and a bunch of friends decided to spend their spring break at Myrtle Beach for the majority of the week.



# Acting Out

*What was your favorite part about working with the plays?*

"Working behind the scenes was a good learning experience for me. I learned to get along with people, and it was neat moving scenes around."

*Danielle Kukich 10*

"I really enjoy being in the plays because I enjoy performing in front of large audiences."

*Chris Lorigan 11*

"My favorite part was raising Cain with Mrs. Shepherd. I also liked getting more stage experience."

*Jason Barnett 10*

"I love when the curtain goes up and you know you're ready to do a great job."

*Colin MacInnes 11*

*Extra time, hard work, cooperation lead way to successful productions*

*by Nicole Feldt*

The lights dim, and a hush falls over the audience. Actors and actresses hurriedly take their places as the director gives last-minute instructions. The curtains rise, and a play begins.

The fall play, *Annie Get Your Gun*, was the first musical produced in several years. Senior Laura Apelt played the part of Dolly Tate, the sister of Charlie Davenport. She said, "I'm glad I got to do a musical before I graduated. We had a really fun cast."

It took several weeks of practices before the play was ready to be put on. Senior Laura Kukich said, "It took a lot of time to get together, but the week of the play everything clicked and it turned out great."

Students also participated in the one act play competition held at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Sophomore Brad Elsass said, "I think the play we did, *Inside Al*, was meaningful. It was about a guy who had cerebral palsy, and it made Poquoson High School look good."

*Our Town*, the spring play, was the second major production put on by the drama club. It offered opportunities for students to become involved in drama. Sophomore Chris Young said, "The spring play was a great experience because it had a large cast which allowed newcomers to the drama club to be in a production. I got a chance to meet new people and act, which is one of my favorite things to do."

Whether performing on stage, working behind the scenes, or simply being part of the audience, students got involved in drama in all ways.



Before going on stage for *Annie Get Your Gun* sophomores Sarah Dewey and James Ayres prepare for the play. Since the play was put on by the drama team, students took care of most of the aspects of the production, including makeup and other behind the scenes work.

Holding her flowers after the play, senior Katie Nolan is congratulated by members of the audience. Katie played the part of Emily Webb in the play *Our Town*. After the play on closing night cast members were given flowers by their parents or friends who came to watch.







Giving a gift to director Mrs. Karen Shepherd, student director senior Jenny Freeman watches as she opens it. Jenny said, "As student director it was my job to get Mrs. Shepherd a director's gift. Since *Our Town* was a play for all time, we presented Mrs. Shepherd with a small mahogany clock."

After the play *Our Town*, seniors Sara Evans, Phillip Pauls, sophomore Craig Gallaer, and senior Christina Silcox bow at curtain call. After the play, characters and behind the scenes workers were applauded for their performances.



# Keeping Clean

*What did you most enjoy about prom?*

"There wasn't just one thing. Dinner was great, the dance was fun. After prom was cool and hanging out after was smooth. I think the atmosphere of good friends and a great night was the best thing."

*Albert Bowden 11*

"The most fun was at dinner because there was a big group of us. After prom was also a lot of fun. There were a lot of games and just hanging out with my friends was really fun."

*Alison Johanson*

12

"I thought that the entire night was enjoyable. What could go wrong with a whole night spent with all my friends dancing, eating, and winning prizes?"

*Marcus Jones 12*

*Party favors, pictures, fancy dinners, limos, king, queen create dance, evening, memories*

*by Colleen Smith*

Crinoline, bow ties, satin, chiffon, jackets, and lace, along with limo rides, up dos and fancy dinners with dates and friends were what made this a wonderful night.

The theme of Prom was Wonderful Tonight. The work the junior class did in preparations paid off. Each attendant received a painted champagne glass with the theme on it in white letters. Junior class advisors Mrs. Nancy Rowley and Mrs. Susan Britt handed the favors out to students as they left the prom.

Students enjoyed the DJ and his selection of music. Others had mixed feelings about Steamin Steve's performance. Senior Brian Topping said, "I thought Steamin Steve played a lot of good stuff. A lot of the songs were played by request. He didn't play enough BONE though."

After seeing each other day after day in school clothes, it was hard for some students to recognize their friends in their formal attire. Senior Maryan Tabibi had trouble identifying everyone in their dresses and tuxedos. She said, "The best part of Prom was the challenge of figuring out who you were talking to. I didn't recognize anyone."

Junior class officers crowned seniors Brady Diggs and Katie Cox Prom King and Queen. The other seniors on the Prom court were Michelle Watkins, Renee Hunt, Dean Shannon, and Marcus Jones.

The Prom was the first one in a number of years without a disciplinary incident. Most students felt that the reason for this was the new drug and alcohol policy. For most, Prom night was a wonderful and safe evening.



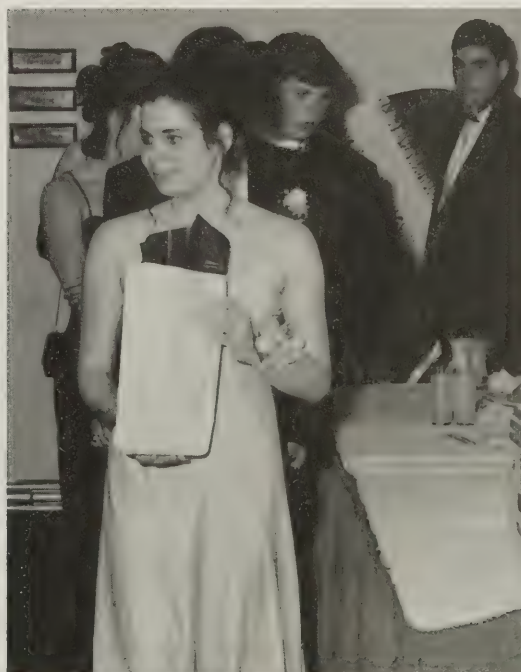
Taking a break from dancing, senior Kenny Sellers and juniors Jessica Petrin, Jake Webb, and Jessica Jeffreys gather at a table to talk and rest. They spent the evening at the NCO club on Langley Air Force Base, where the prom was held.

After being announced the Prom Queen, senior Katie Cox smiles as junior class president Jason Abbott congratulates her with a kiss on the cheek. Katie's king was her boyfriend senior Brady Diggs. The court danced their spotlight dance to Eric Clapton's "Wonderful Tonight."





Congratulations were given to Prom King senior Brady Diggs by other prom court nominees seniors Dean Shannon and Marcus Jones. Seniors voted during English classes for their Prom King and Queen.



After dancing the last dance, students line up to receive their glasses. The junior class raised enough money for everyone who attended prom to have a complementary glass which was stamped with the theme Wonderful Tonight.



# Staying Sober

*What was your favorite part about the After Prom party?*

"My favorite part was the bungee run, but when I woke up the next morning my neck hurt really bad."

Jason Forrest 11

"The best part was winning a whole bunch of free stuff. I won a lot playing the game where you walked on the celebrity stars."

Sheri Firth 10

"I enjoyed the game where you throw the darts at balloons the most. There were so many balloons that you couldn't miss."

Leslie Inge 12

"I liked the free food. After a whole night of dancing I was tired and hungry and the free food was just what I needed."

Mary Roberts 12

*Free food, motorized surfboards, gambling offer safe, sober activities*

by Beth Ann Thomas

Where does everyone go after Prom is over? Where can they win prizes and enjoy an alcohol and drug free environment? The After Prom party.

The commons and hallways were decorated by parent volunteers, using the theme Hollywood Nights. Senior Jeremy Ross said, "I was really surprised when I walked into After Prom. It didn't even look like our school."

Students were given Bull Bucks which they used to play games or gamble. "I had a lot of money at the beginning of the night, but towards the end I was basically broke," said junior Chris Riley.

Since the After Prom party lasted until 5 a.m., students felt tired. Sophomore Sandy Shandor said, "After Prom was really fun, but I was exhausted by the end of the night."

A new game that was popular among students was the bungee run. They were attached to bungee cords and raced each other to see who could get the farthest. Freshman Natalie Stallings said, "I enjoyed watching people do the bungee run. It was really funny!"

Another new game for students to play was the virtual waves. They stood on a surf board that had safety mats below it, and tried to stay on the board. Sophomore Nina Richardson said, "I really liked the surfing game. I tried it, but fell off a lot. My legs felt like jello!"

The After Prom party provided an exciting way for students to end their evening.



At the After Prom party seniors Bob Goddin and Mark Bradley count their winnings. Students were given fake money called Bull Bucks at the beginning of the night. The money was used to purchase prizes from the store.

At the blackjack table, senior David Connors draws several cards while the table's dealer, Mr. Daryl Groseth, advises him on his hand. Juniors and seniors spent the night after the prom playing games such as blackjack, poker, and craps.







Riding the virtual waves, senior Robbie Bolden tries to stay on the surfboard. At the After Prom party one of the activities was to see who could stay on a moving surfboard the longest. The winner of the contest was awarded a surfboard.



Trying his hand at the casino table, senior Chaz Southall plays a game of roulette. Students came back to school after prom for the After Prom party. The After Prom party was developed to keep students safe and alcohol free on prom night.



# Finishing Up

**What was  
your  
favorite  
senior  
activity?**

"I really enjoyed baccalaureate. It was neat because it was held at the church I regularly attend so that made it extra special."

*Dawn Watkins 12*

"I think that all of the activities were pretty cool, but being able to perform for my class at the picnic was the best part. I guess our hard work paid off because we received a lot of compliments from everyone."

*Corrigan Threlkeld 12*

"I can't really pinpoint the activity that I liked the best, they all were pretty special."

*Marcus Jones 12*

"The picnic was the best because it was more laid back than most of the other activities. The chicken didn't taste all that good, but we all still had a chance to have fun."

*Mandy Groseth 12*

*Awards, chicken,  
Bill Hollie and the Smoots, cause  
exciting finale*

*by Colleen Smith*

What do fried chicken, Bill Hollie and the Smoots, rain, and a church service have in common?

These all were part of the senior activities that concluded the year. On June 9, most seniors reported to the baccalaureate service at Trinity United Methodist Church. Seniors and their families were given an inspirational message about letting go and getting the best out of life. Most of the seniors were pleased with the service, although some had different opinions. Senior Christine Solga said, "The service was OK, but I couldn't believe that everyone was crying."

The next event that seniors looked forward to was the senior picnic. At the picnic senior superlatives were awarded and seniors were given lunch. The picnic was scheduled for Monday, June 10, at the Poquoson Pool, but because of bad weather it was postponed until Tuesday. On Tuesday it rained again and the picnic was moved into the commons. Everyone attending agreed that the rain could have quit, but overall it was nice. Senior Stephanie Andres said, "It was kind of boring, but Bill Hollie and the Smoots played a lot better than I thought that they could."

At the awards assembly four individuals were awarded the Bull Pen. Senior Dean Shannon, Assistant Principal Mrs. Judy McCormick, math teacher Mrs. Gail LaRue, and volunteer softball coach Mr. Boyd Lee Bradshaw also received the award.

Ending the year may not have been perfect, but those involved appreciated the activities.



While at the senior picnic, students socialized with their friends. Seniors Ryann Sawyer and Mandy Groseth talk about their plans for the summer and the future. For most, it was a good way to end their high school years.

Offering his microphone to a fan, senior Corrigan Threlkeld performs with his band Bill Hollie and the Smoots. The band was a main source of entertainment for the senior activities. The band played in the gym.





Before participating in the senior activities, seniors Bob Goddin and Han Choi laugh with each other. The senior picnic was held after the first day of exams and was a way for seniors to relax after three hours of test taking.



Keeping out of the rain, seniors Eric Insley and Mark Racz eat their lunch in the commons. Although the senior picnic was scheduled to be at the Poquoson Pool, weather conditions did not allow for a sunny picnic.



# Taking Off

**What are your plans after graduation?"**

"After graduation I'm going to live my last few weeks as a normal human being before going to West Point. I'll probably just hang out with my friends."

*Christopher Chung 12*

"I'm going to try to have as much fun as I can before starting school at Christopher Newport. I also want to spend time with my friends who are going away."

*Michelle Watkins 12*

"I am going to work at Water Country during the summer and then go to Mary Washington College in the fall."

*Bethany Gotschall 12*

"I've lived here all of my life. I can't wait to get out, even though I love it here."

*Jennifer Freeman*

*Family, friends  
administrators allow for special evening  
of graduation ceremonies*

*by Colleen Smith*

Family, friends, and guest all piled into Bethel Temple at 6 o'clock to celebrate the accomplishments of their graduates.

Graduation came upon everyone sooner than they thought it would. Many felt that their senior year had flown by in a blur. Senior Chris Sherman said, "At graduation I realized that it's over and then I sat there and thought about where my senior year had gone."

Receiving diplomas wasn't the only thing seniors had to look forward to. Many were awarded scholarships to the college, university, or armed service of their choice.

Seniors waited until graduation to see who received the Joe Thomas award. It was a scholarship honoring an athlete who died on the basketball court during a game in the gym. The scholarship was awarded to a senior who had shown great academic excellence, outstanding citizenship, and extreme athletic ability. Leslie Inge was the recipient of the scholarship. It was presented to her by last year's winner, Jeff Montgomery.

When the presenting of the diplomas began, many students found themselves scared about graduating. Senior Ryann Sawyer said, "When my row stood up I couldn't believe that high school was over. I got kind of scared at the thought of starting all over again."

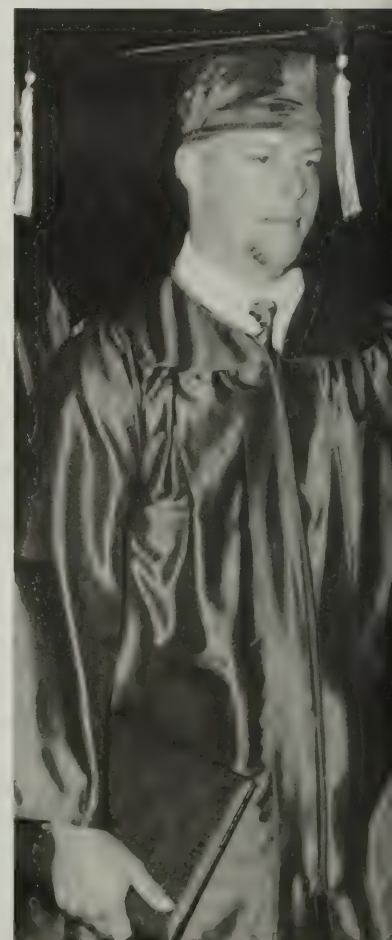
Graduates went outside after the ceremony to have their pictures taken. Parents and guest hurried around flashes and thrown caps to hug their graduates.

Moving on and starting over was hard, but it left seniors with a lot of memories and hopes for their future.



Pausing during his speech, valedictorian Shelby Savage waits for the applause to die down. Being valedictorian meant that Shelby had the highest grade point average in the graduating class. Shelby also received a medal for his accomplishment.

After receiving his diploma, turning his tassel, and being pronounced a graduate, senior Wyn McPherson marches out with the rest of his class. Wyn and his classmates exited the building to meet family and guests and to have their pictures taken.







Getting their caps on straight was a problem for most of the graduating girls. Many came up with different ideas for holding it in place. Senior Tami Keith's mother puts bobby pins in Tami's cap to hold it in place.

The turning of the tassel completed the graduation ceremony. Seniors Sarah Evans and Candy Fowler smile as they turn their tassels from the right side to the left. Principal Mr. Don Bock then pronounced them graduates of the eighty-second graduating class.



By Dean Shannon

Team  
dedication  
leaves  
little  
time for  
relaxation

# Line -up

WITH the ring of a bell the majority of the student body was set free to frolic about with friends or put a dent in their homework.

When the clutter of students in the commons evaporated shortly after the 2:05 bell, only a few remained. These few were the athletes, the ones who gave up afternoons, nights, and week-

ends to participate on teams. These few put up with the monotonous practices, time and time again, in hopes

of having a successful season.

This was not unlike teams and athletes from any other year.

For this reason, sports were

*ALONG THE SAME LINES.*

The everyday practices took their toll on the dedicated few,

DURING the final minutes of the third quarter, senior Erick Zohn receives the ball on a kick-off. "I like kick-off return because it is the most intense part of an already intense game," said Zohn. He returned the ball for 17 yards and was individually successful despite the loss to Nansemond River.







socially and academically. “I like sports, but sometimes I wish I could just come home and do nothing or just start on my homework in the afternoon,” said senior Chris Sherman.

“It’s cool to be on a team. Going to the practices is sometimes a drag, but it all evens out in the end,” said junior Brian Savage, explaining why he played sports.

Despite the fact that sports may have been *ALONG THE SAME LINES*, there was much to be said for the positive aspects of athletics. Sophomore Pedro Garcia said, “Even though things may get boring, sports give you a chance to meet people, get involved, and most of all, just have fun.”

**STICKING** to it, defensive player Shanon Hansen recovers the ball in the early minutes of a game at Lakeland. The Lady Islanders did not finish out the season as well as they had hoped. They finished 4-7-1 in the regular season.



# Block

By Kelli Alger

## POSITIVE ATTITUDES KEEP TEAM'S SPIRIT ALIVE, DETERMINED TO WIN

The Nansemond-Suffolk Academy kicker hurls the ball deep into Islander territory. The deep back snags the ball out of the air and takes off down the field in full sprint. He gains down to the 50, 40, 30. Whoops! The ball is fumbled, NSA recovers and the Islanders' lack of luck begins.

The cheerleaders were an essential part of the game. They yelled for the team and led the crowd, which helped keep the spirit alive, even when the football team was down in the score. Junior Claire Shanafelt said, "I think they have the spirit and that's what gets them through the year."

"I think we have many athletic guys playing and we have potential in the future years," said freshman Jacob Inge.

Junior Casey Heck agreed. He said, "I feel our team tries hard but they can still improve."

Sophomore Tim Mattson had a more positive view. He said, "I think the football team is giving it their all. They have improved since last year."

After adjusting to last year's new staff, the team ended the season with a 4-6 record. Coaches and staff played a more prevalent role in making sure the team played to its potential. Senior Robbie Bolden said, "I think our football staff has put forth a lot of positive attitude for the team. They always make us feel good about ourselves."

New to the team were the physical trainers who helped prevent injuries from affecting the team and treating them afterwards. They were trained by Mr. Mark Rappatone after school. "I enjoyed working with the varsity football team. I believe that the trainers are the second most important part of the staff. We try our best to prevent and treat injuries," said junior Dana Montgomery.

Spirited fans, cheerleaders, players, and coaches helped end the season with a 14-0 victory over Smithfield. The game finished the season on a positive note.

Running for the end zone, sophomore half-back Pedro Garcia breaks a tackle in an attempt to gain yardage. The Islanders were only able to score 3 points by a field goal, and lost to the Nansemond River Warriors in a final score of 22-3.







In preparation for a field goal, senior Erick Zohn holds the ball for sophomore Corey Groseth. The fans went wild as the ball passed through the goal post. They had just scored the only 3 points of the Bruton game.

On the sidelines, the team watches the series of plays. "You have to pay attention to know what's going on in case you have to go in to the game. Some players are only in for certain plays," said senior Tim Murphy.

Swarming the Nansemond River offense, senior Steven Palmer and sophomore Tyler Evans make the tackle while senior James "Ox" Warren comes in to assist. Islander defense successfully completed the tackle and the ball was stopped on the 20 yard line.

# Congratulations

## Captains

Dean Shannon, Phillip Pauls, Robbie Bolden, Erick Zohn

"I had a lot of fun this year.

The team really pulled together and the young players really helped out for a great season," said senior Erick Zohn.

## Varsity Football

4-6

Nansemond-Suffolk	14-6
Matthews	21-20
Nottoway	0-42
Bruton	3-27
Lakeland	0-49
Nansemond River	3-22
York	20-46
Southampton	0-28
Franklin	29-0
Smithfield	14-0



Varsity Football. First Row: Dean Shannon, Donnie Gardner, Tim Thomas, Bill Hammock, James Holloway, Chris Sherman, Robbie Bolden, Brad Chauvin, Andy Forrest, Troy Williams, Tony Rojas; Second Row: Joey Harris, Mike Andriunas, Erick Zohn, Brady Diggs, Matt Causey, Pedro Garcia, Jonathan Seiter, Tyler Evans, Emile Cochet, Chris Riley, Stephen Palmer; Third Row: Ronnie Singleton, Anthony Ashley, Jeromie Houston, Stuart Sutton, Matt Harris, Jake Gaul, Jamie Warren, Wynn McPherson, Phillip Pauls, Sam May, Jeremy Gregg, Malcolm Matheson, Brian Klackle.



# Congratulations

## First Team

Heather Ivey

## Second Team

Ryann Sawyer, Mary

Roberts, Laura Schempf

## Honorable Mention

Maddie Beard

## Varsity Field Hockey

4-7-1

Lake Taylor	1-0
Tallwood	0-4
Bruton	0-1
Nansemond River	0-2
Southampton	6-0
York	1-0
Lakeland	2-3
Bruton	0-0
Nansemond River	1-2
Southampton	4-0
York	0-1
Lakeland	0-2



Girls' Varsity Field Hockey. First Row: Captains Laura Schempf, Mary Roberts, Katie Cox, Alison Johanson, Ryann Sawyer; Second Row: Christine Leeson, Heather Ivey, Laura Asakura, Leanne Phillips, Aimee Halvorson, Mary Beth Evans; Third Row: Lindsay Keddell, Christa Stutt, Kandice Fowler, Kristi Woody, Madeleine Beard, Allison Mast, Melissa Messick, Shanon Hanson, Valerie Sledd, manager Jarrett Yehlen.

Dribbling down the field, sophomore Christa Stutt avoids her Lakeland opponent. The second game against Lakeland was the determining factor in the final team to go to districts. The Lady Islanders lost 0-2, which put them out of the tournament.

Trying to keep the team ahead on the score board, senior Ryann Sawyer blocks the shot to clear the ball out of the circle. Backing up Ryann on defense were sweeper Shanon Hanson and goalie Maddie Beard. The game resulted in a 1-0 win for the opponent, York.



On offense, seniors Melissa Messick and Laura Schempf drive the ball up the field past their Lakeland opponent. Their first encounter with Lakeland resulted in an overtime loss of 2-3.





# Flick

By Melissa Messick

## TEAM TOGETHERNESS DOMINATES AS MAIN FOCUS FOR WINNING GAMES

**W**hack! As the sound echoes across their new field, the Lady Islanders chase after a red ball and their dreams of the district tournament.

Field hockey proved unpredictable and a fight to the finish. Junior Leanne Phillips said, "I think the team worked well together even though our record doesn't show it. We had several close games and the whole team got along so well it made us stronger on the field."

Agreeing with Leanne, junior Heather Ivey said, "I think this was a great season because we worked very hard. Even though we didn't win as many games as we would have liked, we dominated throughout most of our games."

Team togetherness seemed the main focus of the season. It also had a strong impact on the score. "When the team focuses on what we need to do to win, the results are usually positive. But if, as a team, we don't talk and work together our results are not as good as they should be," said senior Ryann Sawyer.

The team did not always work together though. Senior Alison Johanson said, "I think we didn't do as well as we should have because we didn't always work as a team. I think we had a lot of potential. We had many returning players that had a lot of skill."

The players benefited from the physical activities of the game as well. Senior Kandi Fowler said, "Hockey is a very good form of exercise because we practice and run over a mile everyday. By doing this we are able to stay fit throughout the season."

Since the struggle for number one involved all the teams, competition was very stiff. "Everyone is out for the win, so it's competitive. We are not only competing against other teams, but against ourselves to make us stronger as a team," said senior Mary Roberts.

The lady Islanders, however, were not able to come out victorious. With a score of 0-2 the hockey team lost their last game to Lakeland.



**A**s a Lakeland team member dribbles the ball down the field, senior forward Katie Cox runs up for a steal. After running eight more yards, Katie was able to shoot on goal. This was not enough, however, for the win.

**D**uring field hockey practice, junior goalie Maddie Beard and senior sweeper Shanon Hanson protect the goal. "We practice corners over to help offense and defense to stop opposing teams from scoring," said Maddie.



I've been working on my driving all year. I got a new driver before the season started that gave me added confidence," said senior Bob Goddin. Bob and fellow golfer Kevin Cockrell practiced regularly at the Hamptons Golf Course.

At the Hampton Commons Golf Course, senior Rick Hellman looks at the sky and feels the direction of the wind. Wind and other factors affected the flight of a golf ball. Rick practiced to learn to adjust to changes in bad weather conditions.



# S w i n g

By Chuck Winstead

## PRACTICE PAYS OFF DESPITE YOUNG, INEXPERIENCED PLAYERS

For casual golfers this sport was considered an afterthought, but that wasn't the case for the Islander golf team. For them, golf required dedication, sacrifice, and hard work. They loved to play, and they loved to win. That commitment took a lot more than hitting a couple of balls and eating a hamburger afterwards. That commitment took a lot of driving, putting, and perhaps a little slicing and hooking.

Coach Ed Spain handpicked the team during a tryout tournament. He was determined to have the most experienced players and the brightest. Freshman Skip Corneliussen said, "I like hitting good shots."

Only the top players were chosen to lead the team. The team was comprised of returning veteran seniors, sophomores, and new freshmen players.

Their home turf was the Hampton Commons Golf Course, but they played at many other sites. Veteran sophomore Ralph Mason said, "My favorite course we played at this year was Kiln Creek. It was in the best shape and it also had grass on the green. I came in third place there overall."

Coach Spain and his team were compulsive about practice, but golf was not the only thing they did there. Senior Rick Hellman summarized practiced. He said, "We get to the course at about 2:30-3:00. Then we stretched out some, then just played."

For some, golf took precedence over other sports and hobbies. Freshman Russell Taylor described his preference for golf. He said, "If there wasn't golf, I would be playing a less dangerous sport such as football."

The golfers were disappointed finishing fourth in the district. Senior Kevin Cockrell said, "Our team this year was young. I enjoyed playing and teaching the younger players about the game. I'm sure they will have a good year next year, and I wish them luck."







# Congratulations

"The highlight of my season was shooting 125 at districts on 18 holes. Although it was embarrassing to pull out my wood on the first tee, at least I didn't run out of balls," said senior Alex Glushko.

## G o l f District Standings

Nansemond River	1883
York	1885
Lakeland	2046
Smithfield	2064
Franklin	2067
Poquoson	2073
Bruton	2400
Southampton	2507



On an overcast day at the Hampton Commons Golf Course, senior Bob Goddin points out the path of his ball to fellow teammates seniors Rick Hellman and Kevin Cockrell. They were out practicing for the upcoming match against Franklin.



Golf. First Row: Skip Corneliussen, Bob Goddin, Alex Gilushko, Ralph Mason; Second Row: Coach Ed Spain, John Chapman, Kevin Cockrell, Rick Hellman, Russell Taylor

At practice behind the high school, sophomore Ralph Mason works on his swing. Practicing swinging the club helped to get the feel of the hand position and arm movement that only constant practice provided.

This year we did pretty well. We had a young team so the experience wasn't there, but I'm sure they'll be close to the top in the district," said senior Kevin Cockrell. The team had 5 returning players, including 4 seniors.



# Congratulations

"We had a tough season because there were a lot of different people working together at the same time. It was good to be back on the team, since I didn't play the year before," said senior Stephanie Andres.

## Girls' Varsity Basketball

5-15

Nansemond Suffolk	18-43
Norfolk Collegiate	22-46
Norfolk Academy	28-53
Norfolk Collegiate	33-54
Greenbriar Christian	41-50
Cape Henry	25-23
Lakeland	26-37
Smithfield	24-18
York	33-55
Bruton	44-57
Southampton	38-29
Nansemond River	19-42
Franklin	33-34
Lakeland	37-52
Smithfield	40-34
York	39-59
Bruton	32-43
Southampton	49-39
Nansemond River	22-44
Franklin	46-50



Girls' Varsity Basketball. First Row: Leslie Inge, Bonnie Tasillo, Angela Taliaferro, Tracy Morse, Shannon Weisner; Second Row: statistician Jason Bryant, Jennifer Davison, Stephanie Andres, Corie Forrest, Jennifer Staton, manager Holly McDaniels.

On defense for the Lady Islanders, senior Bonnie Tasillo moves in under the basket. Though Bonnie blocked the opposing team's shot, the Bronkettes of Franklin still defeated Poquoson.



Ready to pass, junior Jennifer Davison looks for an open Lady Islander. Unable to find one, Jennifer dribbled down the court to make her layup. With her help the Lady Islanders beat York.

Dribbling the ball, junior Shannon Weisner looks for an open pass. Across the court she saw senior Leslie Inge, who took the ball to the basket for 2 points.







Before going down on her knees, junior Corie Forrest passes the ball off to teammate Shannon Weisner. Franklin was unable to block the pass and Shannon took the ball down court to shoot a jumper.

# J u m p

By Chuck Winstead

## TEAM RECOUPS AFTER LOSS OF STARTERS, NEW PLAYERS CREATE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

There was intense screaming and accompanying squeaks of shoes traveling across the shiny gym floor. In the background, the smell of popcorn was mixed with charged emotions. The winner could change to loser in a matter of seconds. What would cause such a large turnout on a school night? A Lady Islanders basketball game.

The Lady Islanders finished sixth in their district. Sophomore Corie Forrest said, "We were a new team and at the beginning of the year, you could tell. But I think towards the end of the season we really came together as a team."

Agreeing with Corie, the Lady Islander statistician junior Jason Bryant said, "When you lose nine players from a district champion team, it's hard to repeat. There wasn't a lot of varsity experience coming back, but next year we should be back on top."

Sophomore Nina Richardson described what it was like for her to play on the varsity team. "It started off quite difficult but ended up as a learning experience," said Nina.

Freshman Meredith Castle was not only a newcomer to the high school life but new to the varsity team. Meredith described how she felt in her debut as an Islander varsity player. She said, "It was a pleasure to know that I had the potential to be on varsity. At first it was difficult to get along with the upperclassmen, but after the first game we got along and started to work as a team. Overall it was a privilege that taught me to strive to become a better player and to always do my best."

Sophomore Jennifer Staton was disappointed with the team's losses at first. As the season progressed through, she felt more optimistic. The season ended for Jennifer with a more positive side. She said, "We lost a lot of experience this year, but I think we came a lot further than anyone thought we would. As the year went on, we started to play as a team and that really helped us."





# Stride

By Russel Moldenhauer

## INFLUX OF FRESHMEN LEADS TO THIRD IN DISTRICTS, THIRD IN REGIONALS

**W**e're going to do fartleks today." Coach Jeff Jackson said this on hard practices when he wanted the team to sprint and then jog. Fartleks is a Swedish word meaning swift run.

Led by senior Nick Creaseman, the boy's cross country team finished third in the district. The girls were led by sophomore Miranda Wichelas. "For being inexperienced, we did really well," said Miranda.

Coach Jeff Jackson agreed. "Having nine returning varsity runners, we're poised for a great season next year," said Jackson.

Junior Jason Abbott was also enthusiastic about the season. "The boys did better than expected, finishing third in districts and third in regionals. The girls also did well, especially with the addition of Peggy Gross halfway through the season," said Jason.

Cross country wasn't for everybody though. Junior Brain Savage said, "Cross country isn't like other sports. You don't get little incentives to continue. It can take over twenty minutes to finish a race, but the satisfaction you get is much more rewarding."

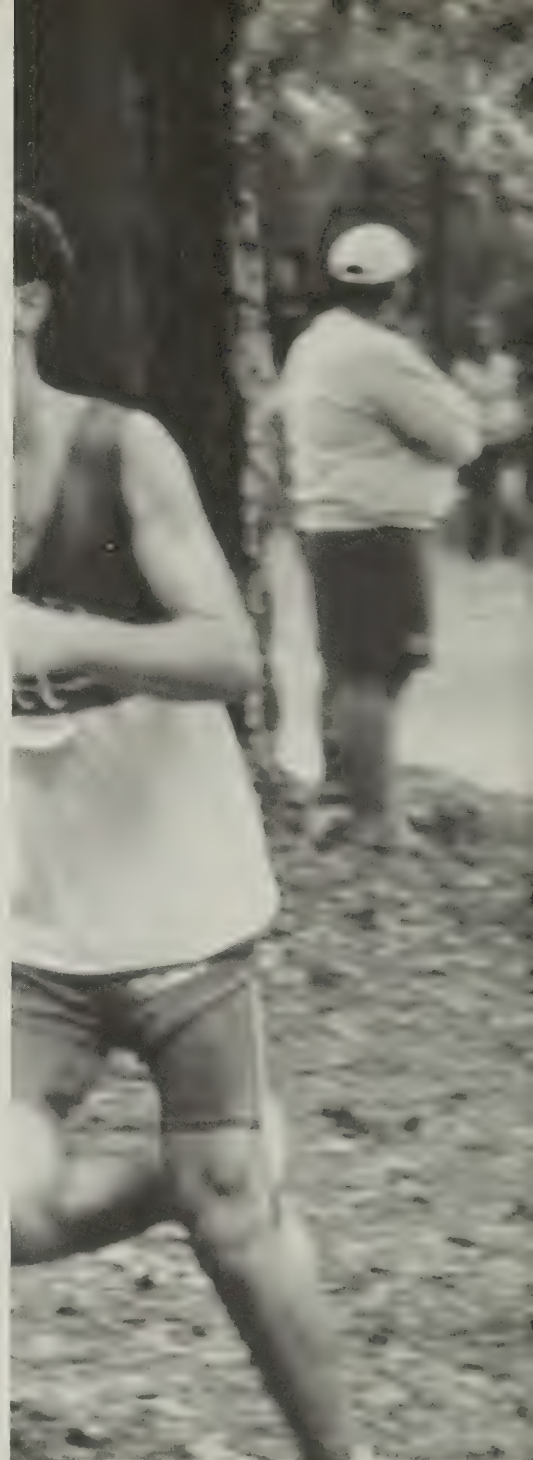
Practicing everyday after school could have gotten boring if Coach Jackson hadn't kept it interesting. "My favorite practice was Yorktown. He (Jackson) just dropped us off and we had to run, sometimes up to eight miles," said junior Becky David.

Cross country wasn't all work. Playing a game before a meet kept the team from overexerting themselves. Freshman Jacob Inge said, "When we played football, it was a great workout. Not only did we run, but it didn't feel like a normal practice."

Running also had its disappointments. "When I fell and hurt my ankle, I was upset because I was out for the season. I'll just have to come back next year," said freshman Mike Akers.

Many agreed their efforts over the season were well worth it. Sophomore Larissa Montalvo said, "Cross country was a great sport, but it takes a lot of dedication."

**D**etermined to keep pace, sophomore Keith Gibbs is caught in mid stride. At the Peninsula Catholic Invitational, Keith finished fifth among over 50 runners in the JV race. Even though Poquoson tied, sophomore David Platt was the determining fourth runner earning a first place finish.







Preparing for the meet, freshman Robbie Jenkins and senior Charlie French attach their numbers. "We started getting ready for the race early. We all went on a warm up run and stretched out before the race," said French.

After the first two miles I didn't think I could finish, but in the end I got one of my better times," said sophomore Patrick Johnson. He described his race at the Newport News Invitational where Poquoson placed in the top five.

During a Peninsula Catholic Cross Country Invitational, Poquoson competed against several different schools. Sophomore David Platt runs down the path at the back of the course where he was the determining factor in the Islander's first place finish.

# Congratulations

**All State**  
Nick Creasman

**All Region**  
Nick Creasman, Jacob Inge, Becky David,  
Miranda Wichelas

**All District**  
Nick Creasman, Jacob Inge, Becky David,  
Miranda Wichelas

## Girls' Cross Country

4-3

Smithfield	15-50
Lakeland	15-50
Bruton	39-21
Nansemond River	15-50
Southampton	15-50
York	41-18
New Kent	40-19

## Boys' Cross Country

5-2

Smithfield	15-45
Lakeland	33-22
Bruton	20-35
Nansemond River	15-40
Southampton	15-50
York	38-21
New Kent	18-41



**Cross Country.** First Row: Seth Forrest, Ryan VanHeeswyk, Sara Burke, Becky David, Larissa Montalvo, Miranda Wichelas, Mike Akers; Second Row: Brad Ambrose, Russel Moldenhauer, David Platt, David McGarry, Jason Abbott, Patrick Johnson, Chris Fowler; Third Row: Phil Prisco, Marcus Jones, Brian Savage, Paul Keddell, Jacob Inge, Jeff Scott, Nick Creasman, Coach Jeff Jackson.



## Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball

13-2

Nansemond Suffolk	43-25
Norfolk Collegiate	39-20
Norfolk Academy	39-24
Lakeland	38-34
Smithfield	37-25
York	33-46
Bruton	48-33
Southampton	34-13
Franklin	47-20
Lakeland	28-17
Smithfield	38-25
York	44-42
Bruton	26-27
Southampton	44-13
Franklin	36-23



**JV Girls' Basketball.** First Row: Krystle Lambert, Megan Powell, Kelli Forrest, Jamie Gatz; Second Row: Nicole Hicks, Kathleen Murphy, Vicki Firth, Nina Richardson, Theresa Davis, Shari Gross; Third Row: Manager Leigh Jenkins, Meredith Cassill, Kari Hahn, Ann Stuart Cox, Laura Jenkins, Sarah Kinnan, Kathleen Kreiger, Crystal Thrasher.

## Junior Varsity Field Hockey

3-5-3

Kecoughtan	0-0
Maury	0-0
Lake Taylor	1-1
Bruton	4-0
Nansemond River	1-5
York	1-2
Lakeland	1-0
Bruton	2-0
Nansemond River	0-3
York	0-1
Lakeland	0-2



**JV Field Hockey.** First Row: Captains Rebecca Turbish, Rikki Stetson, Rachel McGraw, Blair Hardaway, Michelle Harrell; Second Row: Sally Beazlie, Monica Stinson, Mandie Kern, Erin Murphy, Katie Powell, Cassie McDaniel, Shannon Nobile, Katy Boyle, Alison Quinville; Third Row: Manager Katie Rodgers, Diana Fithian, Kristi McIntyre, Sara Johnson, Amber Normandin, Manager Lorrie Gallaer, Coach Candice Rice.



Driving the ball out of the circle, sophomore Rikki Stetson protects the goal from a closing Lakeland player. Sophomores Rebecca Turbish and Blair Hardaway guarded against future attacks on goal although Lakeland won 2-0.

In preparation for a game against York, JV players Mandi Kern and Rachel McGraw french braid each other's hair to keep it from their faces. Long hair was difficult to manage if it fell down and distracted them from their game.







# D r i b b l e

*By Kelli Alger & Melissa Messick*

## INEXPERIENCED JUNIOR VARSITY TEAMS

### CREATE NEED FOR EXTRA WORK

**T**ake two sports, add many new freshman and eighth graders, stir in a new hockey field and coach, and you have the makings of the JV field hockey and JV basketball seasons.

There were several changes for the JV field hockey team. Mrs. Candi Rice took over the position of coach. The change was not an unwelcome one, according to sophomore Blair Hardaway. She said, "Our strong point of the season is getting a new coach. She taught us a lot and we had some fun too. The weak point is that we had a lot of new players who wouldn't listen."

Having only seven returning players, the team had to concentrate on what they were doing. Sophomore Erin Murphy said, "At first I didn't really know what to do, but Mrs. Rice taught me how to drive, dribble, and pass the ball. I also learned how important teamwork is to our game."

A new coach, new players, and also a new playing field provided an educational year.

In girls' JV basketball, many young players created a need for extra effort.

Inexperience proved no problem as Coach Richard Routten helped the younger players improve. Freshman Laura Jenkins said, "Mr. Routten put a lot of effort into the team and we all pulled together for a great season."

They had more than just hard work and effort because at the end of the season it all paid off. Freshman Nicole Hicks said, "The JV team with 5 freshmen and 8 eighth graders did really well to have won the JV district and been such a young team."

Working together contributed to their winning the district. Agreeing with Nicole, sophomore Kathleen Kreiger said, "It was a good season and we all worked hard and pulled together. It paid off in the end because we ended up district champs."

Being young and inexperienced was a factor overcome in the JV girls' basketball team.



**I**n an offensive move, freshman Megan Powell picks up the pace and charges upcourt against her Franklin opponent. Megan dribbled the ball to the foul line, then made a pass to Nina Richardson who scored 2 points.

**I**n a game against Bruton, eighth grader Ann Stuart Cox jumps up to shoot a three pointer. With the help of this basket the JV Lady Islanders defeated Bruton 48-33. The win helped build the season-ending record of 13-2.



# Shout

By Chuck Winstead

## FANS, STUDENTS, TEAMS RALLY TOGETHER UNDER DIRECTION OF CHEERLEADERS

When the score is down and the chance for victory is slim, who always cheers on the Islanders? When the pep rally is just not peppy enough, who spices it up? When we do win, who helps us celebrate? Any Islander knows that the answer is the Islander cheerleading squad.

Lots of public attention was what these cheerleaders had to deal with. From the Homecoming pep rally to parades, they were always in the action. Freshman Jamie Bundlie said, "All the public attention really doesn't bother me, mainly because I'm also a gymnast and I have become accustomed to all the attention early on in my life."

Every girl on the squad had her own way of preparing for a game. Mental preparation also helped to deal with the stress and excitement. Junior Sarah Kreiger said, "I always stretch before a game or pep assembly. It is also important for me to never cheer on an empty stomach."

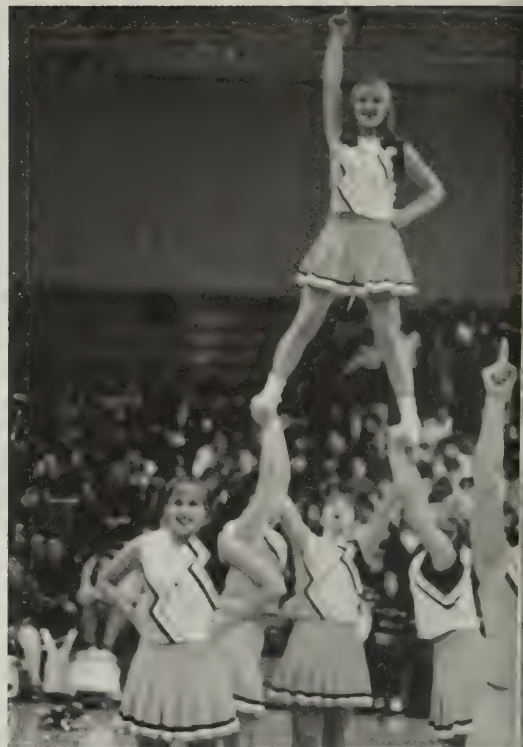
Staying after school everyday meant practice and planning for the squad. "At our practices we usually put together the routine for the upcoming game. Closer to pep rallies our practices become longer and more strenuous," said senior Mandy Groseth.

Being a cheerleader had its advantages. Cheerleading was an activity that sophomore Kristi Geppert really enjoyed. Kristi explained her favorite part about cheerleading. She said, "The thing I liked about cheerleading the most is that you get to be cheerful all the time and it's a way to get into all the games."

On the long bus rides to the away games when things got boring, junior Emily Shepherd always had something to do. Emily said, "Even though the bus rides are sometimes long, it's a good opportunity to do homework, read magazines, or listen to music."

Junior Gretchen Zohn said, "It was a blast! All the cheerleaders got along so well that we were able to comprehend each other better. It's a lot easier and cheerleading itself seems to be more distinctive than usual."

As Jessica Mardis comes down from a basket toss, the other junior varsity cheerleaders finish up their cheer. During halftime and quartertime at basketball games the cheerleaders pepped up the crowds and the team.





At the winter season pep rally, the cheerleaders roused the fans with cheers. "We're awesome, so hot," screamed the cheerleaders as Randi Webb rocked to the top. "I think the winter teams appreciate hearing someone cheer them on. It keeps their spirits up," said junior Maura Garvey.

During the Homecoming parade the junior varsity cheerleaders chanted cheers as they walked down Poquoson Avenue. Sophomore Jessica Dryden calls out cheers to get the crowd in the spirit. The parade preceded the football game which took place later that night.



At the fall sports pep rally, the cheerleaders demonstrated one of their stunts, the extension. Sophomore Randi Webb stood on the hands of fellow cheerleaders to give extra emphasis to the cheer. The pep rallies usually lasted about 45 minutes, which included the cheerleaders doing a series of cheers and a dance.



**Fall Varsity Cheerleaders.** First Row: Sara Kreiger, Remle Diggs, Mandy Groseth, Gretchen Zohn, Maura Garvey, Captain Kelli Alger; Second Row: Christine Solga, Ginger Aldridge, Rachel Gilbert, Randi Webb, Emily Shepherd, Jaclyn Smith, Captain Michelle Watkins.



**Fall JV Cheerleaders.** First Row: Lisa Schwinnaker, Sara Deihl, Amanda Zohn, April Weaver, Lindsey Rheinholdt, Kristi Geppert; Second Row: Gair Perry, Jamie Bundlie, Blair White, Jessica Dryden, Shelly Pennow, Jessica Mardis.



**Winter Varsity Cheerleaders.** First Row: Jessica Dryden, Captain Ginger Aldridge, Alison Johanson, Randi Webb, Tammi Perok, Emily Shepherd, Rachel Gilbert; Second Row: Sarah Kreiger, Captain Kelli Alger, Lindsey Reindholt, April Weaver, Ashley West, Stacey Stone, Kristi Geppert.



**Winter JV Cheerleaders.** First Row: Jenny Morgan, Blair White, Jessica Mardis, Christine Leeson; Second Row: Jamie Bundlie, Andrea Hunter, Lisa Schwinnaker, Erin Cobb; Third Row: Sarah Deihl, Amanda Zohn, Kristi Sutton, Megan Dennis.



# Congratulations

## State

1st Mike Akers, Brad Fitzpatrick

2nd Shawn Gillispie, Jacob Inge

3rd George Gori, Jerrod Hurr

4th Chris Thompson

5th Joey Miskell

## Regionals

1st Mike Akers, Shawn Gillispie, Jamie Holloway,

George Gori, Jacob Inge, Jerrod Hurr, Brad

Fitzpatrick, Emile Cochet

2nd Jason Forrest, Graham Hunt, Chris Thompson

3rd Joey Miskell, Phillip Pauls

4th Jeremy Gregg

## W r e s t l i n g

9-4

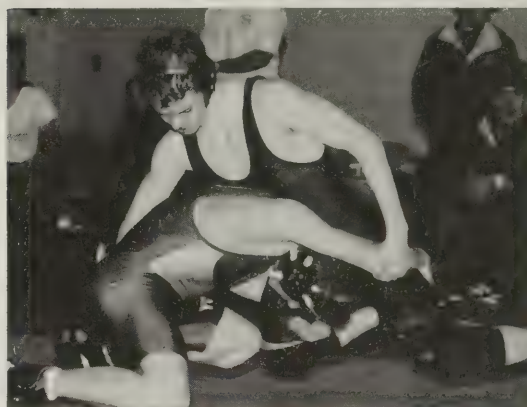
Granby	44-22
Western Branch	16-45
Lakeland	60-12
Princess Ann	50-18
Tallwood	18-49
Woodford	17-41
Hayfield	66-15
Western Branch	16-38
Bruton	68-6
York	55-9
Southampton	65-12
Franklin	82-0
Nansemond River	57-10



**Wrestling.** First Row: Gair Perry, David Mattson, Damien Bernash, Bill Hammock, Jamie Bullard, Brett McQuire, Jonathan Backus, Brian Withrow, Joseph Muskle, Matt Perry; Second Row: Renee Booth, Mike Akers, Tim Mattson, Curtis Booth, Jeremy Gregg, Chris Fowler, Ronnie Singleton, Josh Hurr, Eric Odom, Josh Insley, Joey Bernash, Daniel Backus; Third Row: Alan Hackman, Wyn McPherson, Wesley Backus, Graham Hunt, Jacob Inge, Brandon Fitzpatrick, Brad Fitzpatrick, Jerrod Hurr, Chris Thompson, Emile Cochet, Bill Ruff; Fourth Row: Shawn Gillespie, Jason Forrest, Tyler Evans, Phillip Pauls, George Gori, Jamie Holloway.

Trying to stand up, 103 lb. freshman Mike Akers readjusts his position on his York opponent. Standing up would give Mike an extra 2 points to win the match. In this case it didn't matter, though, he won with a pin.

All twisted up, senior Chris Thompson maneuvers to get his Lakeland opponent in a stiff hold. Chris said, "Having good technique and skill is what made our team strong." In this match, skill paid off and Chris won his match.



Fighting to keep his opponent from standing up and scoring 2 points, sophomore Shawn Gillespie grapples his opponent to keep him down. Shawn rolled his opponent over for a pin and victory against York.





# Shoot

By

Kelli

Alger

## DISTRICTS, REGIONALS PAVE WAY TO SECOND PLACE AT STATE COMPETITION

His opponent's back is on the mat. He struggles to keep him down. The opponent fights to get up. The whistle blows, he wins the match. As the referee raises his arm in victory the crowd goes crazy.

Everybody on the team supported each other. Senior Wyn McPherson said, "For the short time I was on the team, we were a close-knit group, almost like brothers."

Teamwork, togetherness, and practices all made a difference in the wrestlers. Sophomore Emile Cochet said, "I think that the practices were pretty tough. Coach Ruff worked us hard and we ran a lot, but no one complained. We did what we were told."

Junior George Gori agreed. From running to drills, the practices included various exercises and emphasized endurance and skill to wear down their opponents. He said, "I like practices, they were hard, but it was all worth it when we got to state. When we cheer for our teammates it helps them, because they know that we really want them to win. It's encouraging to me when people cheer so I just do the same thing for them."

Coaching also helped the team to their victories at state. Even with the change in faculty this did not prevent the Islanders from continuing their winning ways. Coach Bill Ruff and assistant coach Alan Hackman spent time with each individual wrestler. "This was the fourth coach in the last four years for me, and was definitely the best. Coaches Ruff and Hackman took a lot of time with each individual," said senior Chris Thompson.

In the end, the practices were worth the effort. The work paid off with a regional championship including two 1st and 2nd place victories at state. Freshman Mike Akers said, "I feel the team did great through the season. We wrestled some bad matches but overall good matches. I think I did well during the season but not the best I could have done. I hope to do better next year and I think we will be ready for Grundy."



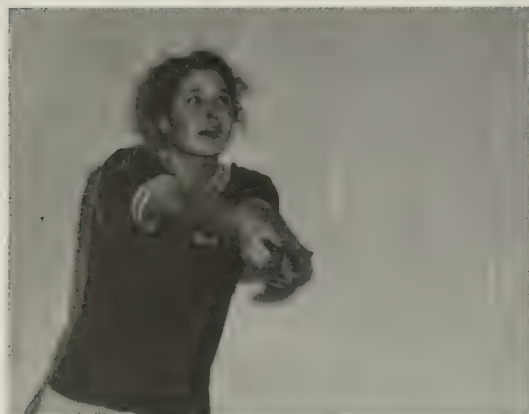
From the sidelines, sophomore Shawn Gillespie and junior George Gori cheer on their fellow teammate junior Jamie Holloway. The encouragement paid off as Jamie gained the advantage over his York opponent.

During a match against Lakeland, coaches Bill Ruff and Alan Hackman give instruction to junior Jason Forrest. "They emphasize going hard for six minutes non-stop. As a team we were in better condition than anyone," said Forrest.



In a home game against Bruton, junior Amanda Robertson bumps the ball high into the air. She set it up for senior Tiffanie Petrin to get the ball over the net. The hit was incomplete, however, and went sailing into the net.

Against district rival York, senior Tiffanie Petrin moves back to keep the ball in play. The ball was played across the net four times before the Lady Islanders could get the point. This point was not enough, however, to win the game.



# S p i k e

By Russel Moldenhauer

## TEAM TOGETHERNESS TOP PRIORITY AFTER ONLY FOUR PLAYERS RETURN

**T**eam, a collection of individuals working together as a whole to achieve a common goal. In this case, a winning season. Even with the loss of several starters, the Ladies managed a fourth place district finish. "Many people dismissed our chances because of the loss of so many seniors, but I think that anyone who attended a game realized how wrong that assumption was. We practiced hard, played hard, and never gave up. Our desire to win helped us overcome our inexperience," said senior Tiffanie Petrin.

Getting hyped for the games helped make the season exciting. Senior Laura Schempf said, "The best game of the season was our win over Franklin on their Senior night. Many of the kids in their stands were actually cheering for us because we were so psyched for the game. That and beating York were the season's highlights."

Team togetherness and cohesion kept them close knit. From dinners to team activities, their friendships carried on to the court. Junior Maura Garvey said, "Volleyball this year was really fun. All the girls got along really well and we became very close as a team."

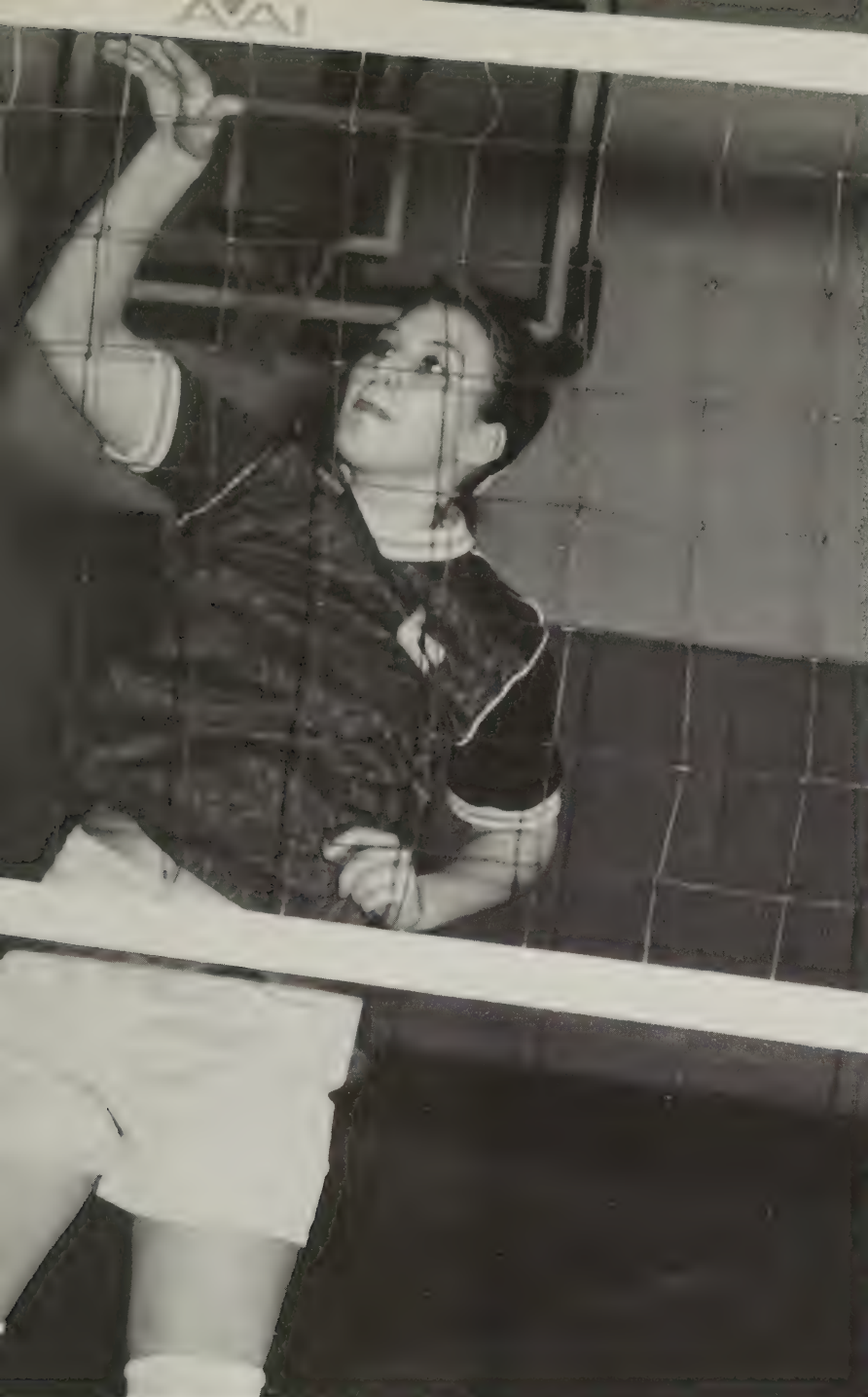
Disagreeing with Maura, junior Amanda Robertson said, "Our team was like a schizophrenic person. Sometimes we worked together, other times we didn't. It made for a very interesting season."

Newcomer to the team, senior Peggy Gross had a different opinion. Peggy said, "I think that the volleyball team here was much more closely knit. Overall, I feel everyone was very friendly and their friendships carried on to the court as players backed each other up and cheered selflessly for one another. My previous team experienced dissension halfway through the season and it really brought down the team as a whole."

For the district competition, sophomore Nina Richardson was bumped up. "Moving up, I felt really weird being younger with less experience, but I had a lot of fun and am grateful that they accepted me on the team, not being there the whole season."







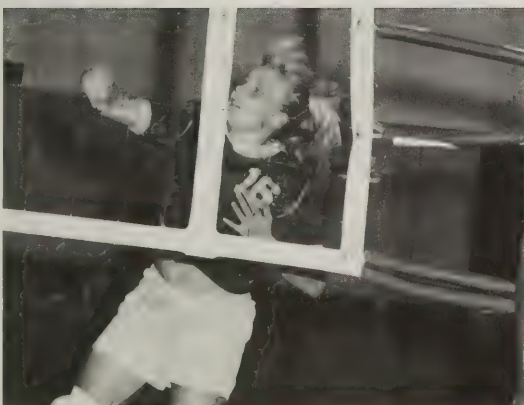
# Congratulations

"I was disappointed that I didn't play as much as I wanted because I was out for one month for surgery, but the season was lots of fun and I wish next year's team better luck," said senior Hilary Johnson.

## Varsity Volleyball

7-8

Lakeland	1-2
Smithfield	2-1
Southampton	2-0
Bruton	0-2
York	1-2
Nansemond River	0-2
Lakeland	0-2
Norfolk Collegiate	1-2
Smithfield	2-0
Southampton	2-0
Franklin	2-1
Bruton	0-2
York	2-0
Franklin	2-0
Nansemond River	0-2



Before every game we practice and warm up for about 30 minutes. This really helps get us ready to play great games," said junior Gretchen Zohn. Gretchen demonstrates her spiking ability during a drill in which one person sets the ball for the other to spike.

Before a game against Smithfield, junior Maura Garvey practices setting the ball. "Warming up before the game is important to how you play. It helps relax you before the game starts," said Maura.

Spiking the ball over the net, senior Laura Schempf makes it impossible for Franklin to score. The games were close every time, but Poquoson was able to gain the victory after winning two of the three games played.



Varsity Volleyball. First Row: Valerie Sledd, Maura Garvey, Hilary Johnson, Amanda Robertson, Tracey Morse, Laura Schempf, Gretchen Zohn; Second Row: Alison Mast, Angela Houston, Tiffanie Petrin, Karen Feigh, Brooke Elliott, Peggy Gross, Jennifer Davidson, Coach Brian Bauer.



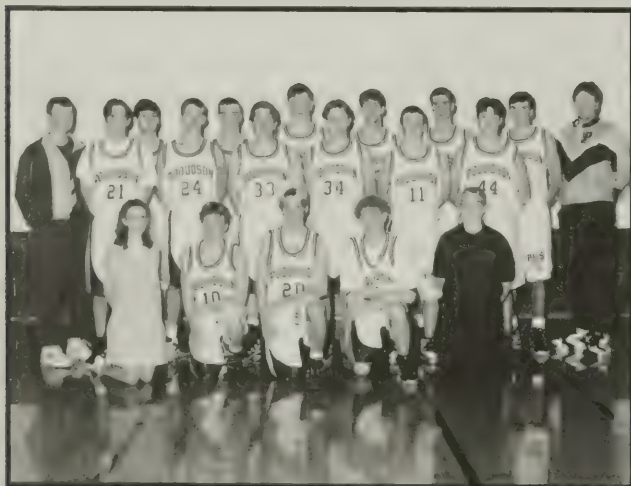
# Congratulations

"At the beginning of the season our team was confident, but after the first couple of games we realized it was going to be a long season. But we all declared if we were going to lose, we were going to have fun with it," said senior David Connors.

## Boys' Varsity Basketball

1-21

Hampton Christian	57-62
Lakeland	33-74
Greenbrier	65-72
Manteo	45-66
Clinton	35-70
First Colonial	57-62
Smithfield	45-64
Southampton	58-83
York	51-61
Hampton Christian	54-56
Nansemond River	57-101
Bruton	53-75
Franklin	62-74
Norfolk Collegiate	49-37
Lakeland	35-80
Smithfield	57-68
Southampton	61-99
York	59-66
Bruton	65-73
Nansemond River	52-95
Franklin	51-55



Boys' Varsity Basketball. First Row: Manager Jennifer Freeman, Kevin Jones, Brian Humphries, Trainer Dana Montgomery; Second Row: Joey Harris, Mike Andriunas, Brady Diggs, Erick Zohn, Marcus Jones, Albert Bowden; Third Row: Coach Bob Baker, Jeff Mitchell, Anthony Ashley, Jamie Warren, Tim Murphy, Joe Flannery, David Connors, Coach Keith Thomas.

Defending the basket, senior Joey Harris jumps to block Nansemond River from retrieving the rebound. Senior David Connors waited under the basket to get the ball. David got the ball and passed it to senior Brady Diggs who made the shot, although they lost 57-101.

In a game against Nansemond River, senior Brady Diggs makes a layup. Senior Tim Murphy watched the ball swoosh into the net and senior Erick Zohn covers his man waiting for a rebound.

Trying to keep control of the ball, senior Tim Murphy pulls and pushes away from opposing Nansemond River players. Senior Marcus Jones also tried to pick the defense as senior Brady Diggs got open and ready for a pass.







During the warm-up for their district tournament game against Nansemond River, senior Brian Humphries practices a layup. Their hopes were short lived, though, as they lost 52-95 to the two-time state champions.

# Brick

By *Melissa Messick*

## **SLOW START SETS PACE FOR SEASON, EXPERIENCE INSIGNIFICANT**

Experience, size, talent . . . key ingredients to a winning season? The season was not everything the basketball players expected. There were several close games, but in the end, close scores were not enough for the win. Junior Mike Andriliunas said, "We just could not find the right mix of players. The talent was there but we just could not pull it off."

Even with the return of the four varsity players Joey Harris, Marcus Jones, Brady Diggs, and David Connors, who had been on the team since their sophomore years, this experience was not enough.

Not everyone was downcast by the overall scores. Senior Joey Harris said, "We had a lot of fun this year. Even though we didn't have the greatest season, we all got along and will remember this year."

Agreeing with Harris, junior Albert Bowden said, "Our record doesn't really show our character. We had a lot of guys on the team who put everything on the line. Even though we lost a lot, I'll never forget how much fun it was."

The overall record did not affect everyone. Senior Jeff Mitchell said, "We didn't do as well as we thought we would. I did all I could with my 2 minutes per game my senior year."

Agreeing with Mitchell, senior Erick Zohn said, "I really couldn't complain because I didn't go in with high expectations. We tried and had the talent and the experience this year, but we just couldn't pull it all together for the win."

With a record of 1-21, the boys' basketball team had a turbulent season. Senior Marcus Jones said, "Although in most of our games our team showed more effort, we just did not have enough athletic ability to win. Even if I had known at the beginning of the season that our record would end at 1-21, I still would have played. Overall, I enjoyed being a part of Poquoson High School's '95-'96 basketball program."





# K i c k

By Russel Moldenhauer

## PRACTICE LEADS TO WINNING SEASON, FIRST TRIP TO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Q**uestion: name a sport where you'll never break a sweat yet you're always dripping wet after each practice? Answer: swimming.

Even though the Bull Islanders did not compete in district competition, this did not keep them from winning meets against local private and public schools. They even qualified for the state championships where the girls finished 24th.

Led by returning swimmers and more Fort Eustis year-round swimmers, both teams swam to 7-1 records. Senior Chris Chung said, "Although I didn't have to attend the school practices because I was on the Fort Eustis team, I tried to make it as often as possible to support the other members."

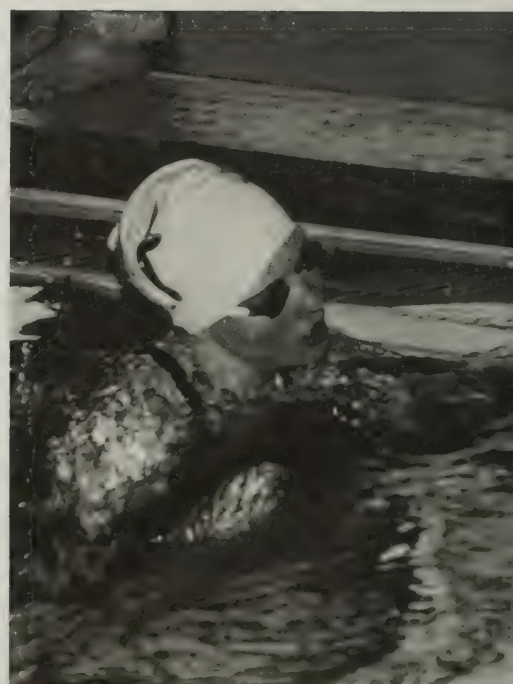
Even with the loss of all charter members, the first ones on the team when recognized as a varsity sport by the school, both teams managed to win against their rivals Tabb. Not even the charter members of the girls team could manage a win. "It's always a close meet, they usually beat us, but we all pulled together and finally won. We all worked and our relay team did really well under all the stress," said junior Claire Shanafelt.

Support came from various sources throughout the year. Pressures were dealt with, while coaches and friends helped out. Freshman Scott Firman said, "If it wasn't for Christie (Smith), I probably wouldn't have joined swim team in the first place. Plus, at practices when I felt like giving up, she always was there for me."

Sophomore Christie Smith agreed. She said, "He was always around cheering me on and comforting me when I was disappointed with my times. He helped out a lot and was my support when I needed him."

The end of the year culminated in the Islander's first trip to state. Sophomore Alexis Ross said, "It was great, we finally competed against some of the stronger AAA schools. With the experience, we can do it again and hopefully finish higher."

**T**aking a breath, junior Cody Camblin shows his crawl stroke during the 200 yard freestyle. Cody finished his event with a personal best of 2:09.37, contributing to the Islander win over Booker T. Washington, 147-31.







# Congratulations

## State

Alexis Ross, Sara Burke, Erin Gooding, Amanda Moore, Becky David, Katie Powell, Jennifer Chung, Stephanie Skinner, Jeff Scott, Russel Moldenhauer, Chris Chung, Cory Daniels, Chris Lorigan

## Girls' Swimming 7-1

Nansemond Suffolk Academy	146-120
Norfolk Collegiate	154-91
Maury/Booker T. Washington	114-155-0
Lake Taylor/Booker T. Washington	158-108-5
Tabb	49-45
Peninsula Catholic	63-31
Norfolk Christian	49-44

## Boys' Swimming 7-1

Nansemond Suffolk Academy	146-120
Norfolk Christian	154-91
Maury/Booker T. Washington	117-138-13
Lake Taylor/Booker T. Washington	147-104-31
Tabb	53-41
Peninsula Catholic	50-44
Norfolk Christian	48-45



**Swimming.** First Row: Megan Powell, Wendy Evans, Rachel Fithian, Melissa Moore, Jaclyn Smith, Matt Shepherd, Jennifer Chung, Christie Smith; Second Row: Alexis Ross, Katie Powell, Ian Lamprecht, Stephanie Skinner, Sara Kreiger, Becky David, Colleen Bresnan, Aimee Utecht, Leah Snyder, Amanda Moore; Third Row: Scott Firman, Arinn Johnson, Corey Forrest, Chris Klackle, Jerrod Hurr, Chris Lorigan, Claire Shanafelt, Jeff Scott, Cody Camblin, Chris Carter, Chris Chung.



In the middle of the 100 yard breaststroke, junior Chris Lorigan strokes through the water. Chris finished in second place behind teammate Chris Chung. Both qualified for the state meet in the event.

During a swim meet against Norfolk Christian, senior Sara Burke tags the wall. Burke came in first place after a 100 yard backstroke event. She went on to help her relay take first also, giving Poquoson the victory.

We have to count our pulse for 10 seconds and compare it to our target rates," said sophomore Arinn Johnson. Coach Prentiss records times as sophomore Chris Carter and junior Ryan Hall tell them to her.



## Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball

7-11

Hampton Christian	59-38
Lakeland	53-69
Greenbrier	55-61
Smithfield	82-78
Southampton	54-71
York	42-30
Hampton Christian	63-37
Nansemond River	49-71
Bruton	59-65
Franklin	37-66
Norfolk Collegiate	55-46
Lakeland	64-49
Smithfield	52-54
Southampton	65-75
York	43-39
Bruton	55-69
Nansemond River	45-80
Franklin	44-73



**JV Boys' Basketball. First Row:** Todd Goodson, Grayson Bunting, Paul Keddell, Pedro Garcia, Tommy Crittenden, Skip Banton, Chad Shelton; **Second Row:** George Hudson, Dave Stutt, Brian Bunting, Tommy Morgan, Brian Klackle, John Chapman, Sam Cowles, Jason Koptish, Coach Mike Freeman.



In an attempt to keep the ball in play, sophomore Brian Klackle looks for an open teammate. He passed the ball to sophomore Sam Cowles who took it down court and attempted a three point shot.

As the ball soars over the net, sophomore Shari Gross gets in position to bump the ball. Shari set the ball up for teammate Danielle Kukich to hit the ball back to the opposing Lakeland side. Lakeland was unable to keep the ball in play and Poquoson won the point, as well as the game.



## Junior Varsity Volleyball

11-4

Lakeland	2-1
Smithfield	1-2
Southampton	2-0
Bruton	1-2
York	0-2
Nansemond River	2-0
Lakeland	2-1
Norfolk Collegiate	2-0
Smithfield	2-0
Southampton	2-0
Franklin	2-1
Bruton	2-1
York	1-2
Franklin	2-1
Nansemond River	2-1



**JV Volleyball. First Row:** Ann Stuart Cox, Laura Jenkins, Vicky Firth, Nina Richardson, Danielle Kukich, Shari Gross, Beth Ann Thomas; **Second Row:** Assistant Coach Jessica DeWitt, Tracy VanHeeswick, Leslie Jones, Jamie Gatz, Megan Powell, Christy MacIntyre, Amber Normandin, Elizabeth Render, Coach Jack Shwollow.



# P a s s

*By Kelli Alger & Melissa Messick*

## YOUTH, INEXPERIENCE CREATE NO OBSTACLES TO JUNIOR VARSITY TEAMS

**W**hat picture does youth and inexperience bring to mind? Definitely not a winning season or a good finish, but that's just what these junior varsity teams managed.

Despite young players, the JV volleyball team was able to have the upper hand in the majority of its games. Practices, combined with dedication after school, contributed to their winning record. Freshman Christy McIntyre said, "Our team started out very young and inexperienced, but we practiced hard and it paid off because we won most of our games."

Although the team was mainly victorious, there were a few things that could have been different. "If we had worked a little harder at practice and communicated better on the court, we could have won the few games that we lost," said freshman Laura Jenkins.

Another thing different was players coming from another team to the Islanders. Sophomore Shari Gross said, "Volleyball in Poquoson was different than in the last place I lived because here we did a lot more conditioning. I think we had a pretty good season though, so it was worth it."

Another team that was not hindered by youth and inexperience was the JV basketball team. They also won many of the games they played. Team togetherness and good players helped to finish the season with a 8-11 record.

With a positive viewpoint, freshman Todd Goodson said, "Our JV basketball season was good. We played well together and had a great year."

Skilled athletes and team size both were sources to make the team have a successful season. Sophomore Brian Klackle said, "We had good, big men and good guards but we just couldn't put it all together."

The lack of teamwork and execution caused some losses. This showed the inexperience of the team even though they had many victories.



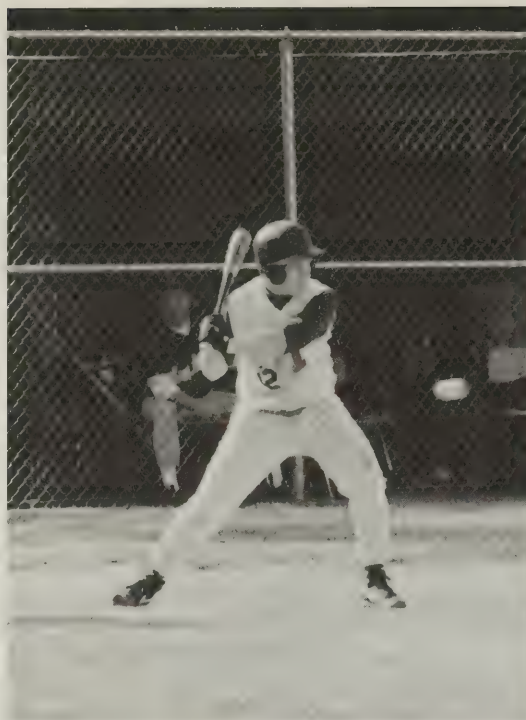
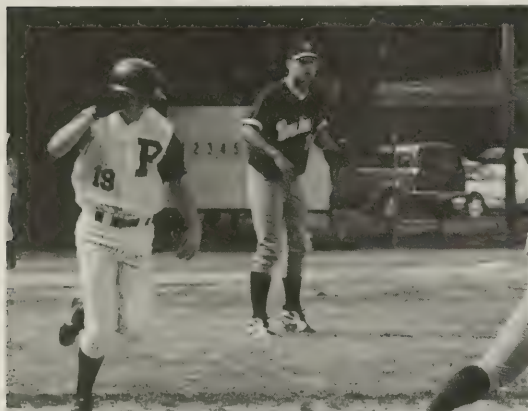
**B**efore the game against York, sophomore Amber Normandin prepares for the game. After tying her shoes, Amber joined her teammates for routine stretching. Following the fifteen minute warm up, the team lost 1-2.

**I**n an away game against Nansemond River, sophomore Jason Koptish fumbles on the ground for the ball. The attempt to gain possession of the ball was unsuccessful and Nansemond River dribbled down court.



After a teammate hit a hard line drive down the first baseline, junior Mike Andriliunis runs for second base. Even though the first baseman missed the ball, the short stop was able to field it and throw it to second before Mike could reach the base.

In a game against Nansemond River, freshman Travis Butler hits the ball. The ball soared to right field and Travis ran to first base. "I was hoping to hit the ball a little bit farther, but I was glad to make it to first base," said Butler.



# Strike

By Melissa Messick

## WINNING PACE FALTERS HALFWAY THROUGH SEASON

What goes up must come down. Despite an Islander winning streak in the first half of the season, the second half consisted mostly of losses for the varsity baseball team. "The season started off great, but we lost some close games down the stretch. I had a fun season. I'm going to miss the seniors," said junior Mike Andriliunas.

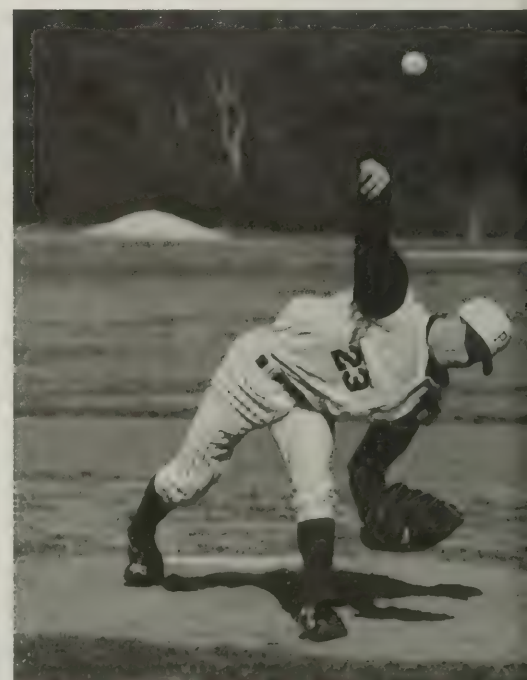
Agreeing with Mike, senior Joey Harris said, "We got off to a really great start but faltered in the end. I'm not sure what happened in the second half of our season, but we played our hardest. It's been a great season and I wouldn't want to play on any other team."

With regards to the season, not everyone thought it was that great. Senior Brady Diggs said, "The only fun we had in the second half of the season was throwing Emile's hat off the bus in the tunnel."

The most crucial loss for the team was their last game against Southampton. The first day of the game the two teams played through 12 innings and were tied one run each when the umpires called the game because it was too dark to see the ball. On the second day the team lost 3-2 in the 13th inning. Senior Jimmy Ruehl said, "It was one heck of a game, and all I can say is hey, at least we got a hit in the last inning."

Others were not as optimistic about the game that lasted for two days. "I was not pleased to drive all the way back to Southampton to lose in the first inning," said senior Chris Sherman.

Nothing can account for the team's reversal in scores throughout the season. The losses suffered by the team resulted in their slip from first to third place in the Bay Rivers District. Their last game against Southampton took the Islanders out of the district tournament and ended the season, leaving the team in third place. "We started out great at the beginning, but we lost some close ones at the end which was frustrating because we were doing so good. We all played well together," said freshman Todd Goodson.







# Congratulations

"We got off to a really great start but faltered in the end. I'm not sure what happened in the second half of our season, but we played our hardest. It's been a great season and I wouldn't want to play on any other team," said senior Joey Harris.

## Varsity Baseball

9-10

Clearfield	4-2
Granby	3-4
Lakeland	14-3
Smithfield	9-7
Bruton	5-2
Maury	4-10
Granby	8-19
Southampton	3-2
York	8-7
Franklin	5-0
Nansemond River	5-4
Smithfield	19-5
Lakeland	2-3
Bruton	1-6
York	5-6
Franklin	1-4
Southampton	0-6
Nansemond River	5-8
Southampton	2-3



In a game against Bruton, senior Brady Diggs makes a dive for home plate. His maneuver was not successful, however, and Diggs was tagged out. "I've never seen anyone else hit the ball 600 feet and still get thrown out at home plate," said Diggs.

Pitching against Lakeland, junior Chris Riley throws a fast ball. "Lakeland was a good team so I had to concentrate during the game. We played well even though it was hard, and getting the win made it worth it," said Riley.

As a Bruton opponent approaches home plate, sophomore catcher Tyler Evans waits for short stop Marcus Jones to throw him the ball. The play was completed just before the runner hit the plate and was tagged out.



**Varsity Baseball.** First Row: Joey Harris, Marcus Jones, Coach George Yeager, Brady Diggs, Chris Sherman; Second Row: Announcer Jason Bryant, Damian Bernache, Travis Butler, Todd Ploetner, Emile Cochet, Shawn Lacks, Dan Mathis; Third Row: Tyler Evans, Mike Andriunas, Jimmy Ruehl, Chris Riley, Dwight White, Kevin Finucan.



# Congratulations

## Player of the Year

Leslie Inge

### 1st Team All District

Leslie Inge, Jennifer Davison, Tammi Perok, Peggy Gross, Jamie Douglas

### 2nd Team All District

Beth Ann Thomas, Stephanie Andres, Megan Powell

### Honorable Mention

Angie Houston, Christina Dominguez

### 1st Team All Regional

Leslie Inge, Jennifer Davison, Tammi Perok, Peggy Gross

## Varsity Softball

17-0

Nandua	21-2
Northampton	2-1
Lakeland	38-0
Smithfield	18-2
Bruton	9-0
Southampton	16-1
Churchland	9-0
York	2-1
Franklin	11-0
Nansemond River	2-0
Smithfield	17-6
Lakeland	11-0
Bruton	13-0
Southampton	17-0
York	8-2
Franklin	16-0
Nansemond River	8-2

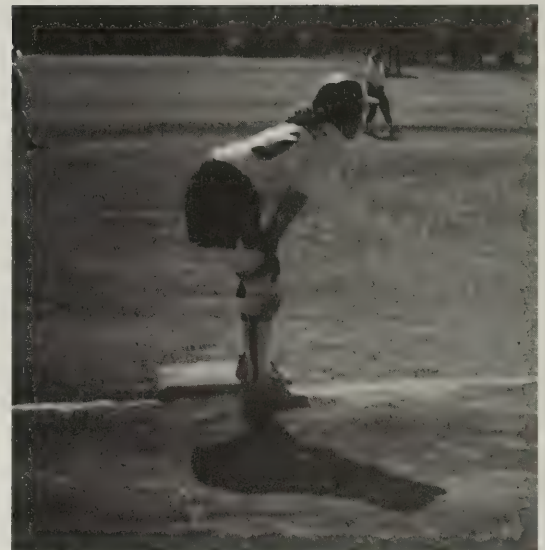


Varsity Softball. First Row: Peggy Gross, Stephanie Andres, Leslie Inge, Jamie Douglas; Second Row: Megan Powell, Christine Leeson, Randi Webb, Jennifer Davison; Third Row: Tracy Morse, Shari Gross, Rikki Stetson, Stacey Stone; Fourth Row: Angie Houston, Tammi Perok, Christina Dominguez, Beth Ann Thomas; Fifth Row: Coaches Becky Morrison, Ed Spain.

At a game against Bruton, sophomore Randi Webb steps up to hit the ball to advance to first on a single. She also had another single later in the game, which the Lady Islanders won, 9-0.

Waiting for the pitch, junior Christina Dominguez readies herself to make the score. Christina scored the run and helped lead the team to a victory over Nansemond River.

Joining together to make a play, junior Jennifer Davison and sophomore Tammi Perok hustle to make a successful out at second base. Jennifer said, "During a lot of plays you need a teammate to help you out. Tammi and I work well together."







With her game face on, senior Leslie Inge pitches her fast ball for another strikeout. Inge led the team defensively for a perfect 17-0 regular season record.

# P i t c h

By Eric Insley

## PITCHERS LEAD TEAM TO PERFECT SEASON, DISTRICT, REGIONAL RECORDS

**I**t was a pitcher's season. Pitching seemed to be the key that led the team to victories at both district and regional championships. Their state championship dreams were cut short, though, in a close 1-0 loss against Spotswood in the state quarterfinals.

Senior Leslie Inge led the pitching by setting a school record of 212 strikeouts, pitching 7 no-hitters, and had a personal record of 16 wins and 1 loss. Backup pitchers Rikki Stetson and Christine Leeson both pitched victorious games. Assistant coach Becky Morrison helped to prepare the pitchers throughout the season.

Coach Ed Spain was proud of the team's accomplishments. "Our pitchers were a great asset this season. This is one of the best seasons we ever had," said coach Ed Spain.

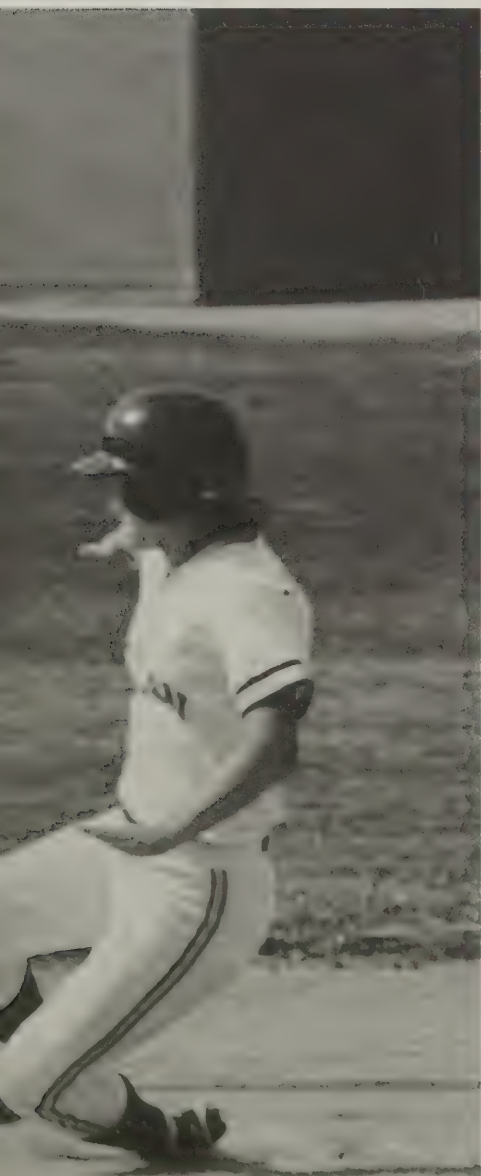
The team had a successful season starting out with a perfect 17-0 regular season record. Their only loss came in the state tournament. Sophomore Beth Ann Thomas said, "I was really surprised at how well we did. At the beginning of the season I never thought we would make it to be district or regional champs."

Playing together as a team, these ladies were a cohesive unit. Junior Jennifer Davison said, "We had a good season. The team played really well together. That was one of the main factors in our success."

Hours of practice and work was another contributing factor to the team's winning season. "All of the hard work paid off in the end. We all had a lot of fun doing it," said senior Jamie Douglas.

The team managed four wins against their district rivals York. Leslie pitched a no-hitter to shut them out 5-0 for the district title, and won a close game of 1-0 in regional finals. The game came down to the last inning when junior Jennifer Davison scored.

A strong pitching unit, working well together, and hard work all led the team to a victorious season.





# Fault

By David Lopez

## STATE HOPES END AFTER LOSS TO YORK IN REGIONAL FINALS

You are up six to five in a tie-breaker in the third set. You have been playing against your opponent for over two hours now in the blistering sun. You are tired, but you know you will win. It's his serve and as he blasts it, you hit it twice as hard back down the line past him to win the match.

The boys' tennis team finished their season with a 10-1 record. They placed second in the district behind York and made it to the regional finals where they lost to York in a close match.

"They beat us pretty bad the first time we played them. It was 7-2, but when we played them again in regionals they barely pulled it off with a 5-4 score," said senior Ben Goldman.

Senior Geoff Gatz replied to the question of how they did. Geoff said, "We played to our potential and made it to the regional finals. We should have won and gone to state but we lost to York."

Some players were satisfied with their performance. One of these was sophomore Kevin McClellan. He said, "I was most satisfied with my win over Eric Christianson in the regional finals after losing to him in the regular season, although I was hoping to go to state."

Kevin played at number two behind much talked about senior Nick Laca. Nick was a foreign exchange student from Croatia who had excellent tennis abilities. Nick and Kevin teamed together to play number one doubles. Nick said, "I was disappointed that we didn't go to state this year. I was hoping to go to state individually also, but I lost to York's number one after I beat him in team play. It was a close match, but it was well in the 90's and in the third set against him, I felt like my legs were going to fall off."

Looking back on the season senior David Lopez said, "The team did well this year, but we really wanted to go to state. I was disappointed, but we had a decent year, compared to the other schools."

Coach Mark VanDervort said, "It was a great season that had the potential to be a super season. We fell just one single point short of fulfilling our goal."

Returning a serve, senior David Lopez hits a forehand from the baseline. Lopez had a 7-1 record in the district at number three. David said, "I was disappointed with my loss against York's number three man, but I had a decent record." David beat York's number three man later in the regional finals.







# Congratulations

## Player of the Year Runner-Up Nikola Laca

### District Singles

2nd Nikola Laca

### Regional Singles

2nd Nikola Laca

### District Doubles

2nd Nikola Laca, Kevin  
McClellan

### Regional Doubles

2nd Nikola Laca, Kevin  
McClellan

## Boys' Tennis

10-1

Manteo	8-1
Lafayette	7-2
Tabb	8-1
Franklin	7-2
Nansemond River	8-1
Bruton	9-0
Tallwood	5-4
York	2-7
Lakeland	8-1
Smithfield	9-0
Southampton	9-0



The tennis team was fortunate to receive a foreign exchange student who played number one through the season. Senior Nick Laca, from Croatia, hits a forehand return in practice. Nick finished the season with an 11-0 record and went as far as regional finals in individual and doubles play.

While playing against his opponent, sophomore Maurice Kaiser hits a backhand drop shot to finish the long rally. Maurice won his match against Franklin at number four with a score of 6-2 and 6-0.

Practicing five times a week was a sacrifice that the team had to make. While rallying against his coach, sophomore Kevin McClellan hits a topspin forehand. Kevin started practicing with the team when he was twelve.



Boys' Tennis. First Row: Chris Park, Jeremy Seltzer, Jonathan Seiter, Maurice Kaiser; Second Row: Geoff Gatz, Judd Compton, Nikola Laca, David Lopez; Third Row: Mark Hunter, Ben Goldman, Kevin McClellan, Bill Hammack.



# Congratulations

## District Singles

1st Andrea Hunter

## Regional Singles

1st Andrea Hunter

## District Doubles

1st Andrea Hunter, Laura

Schempf

## Regional Doubles

2nd Andrea Hunter, Laura

Schempf

## Girls' Tennis

8-2

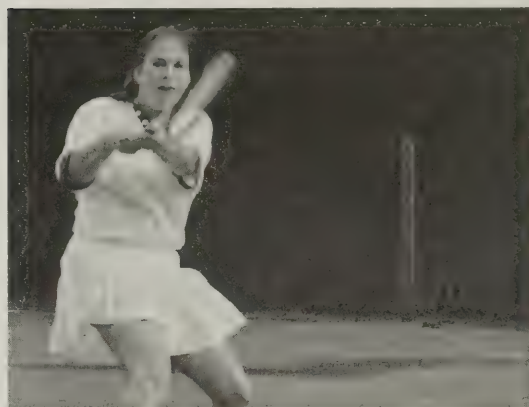
Southampton	9-0
Smithfield	9-0
Lakeland	5-4
York	5-4
Bruton	7-2
Franklin	8-1
Nansemond Suffolk	8-1
Mathews	8-1
Norfolk Collegiate	1-8
Norfolk Academy	2-7



Girls' Tennis. First Row: Laura Asakura, Blair Hardaway, Leanne Phillips, Valerie Sledd; Second Row: Melissa Moore, Sara Evans, Katie Edwards, Amy Blankenship; Third Row: Courtney Judd, Coach Brenda Winstead, Laura Schempf, Andrea Hunter.

Shifting her weight forward, sophomore Blair Hardaway returns the ball to her York opponent. Her return sailed long and she lost the game and match in a close team victory 5-4.

In a home match against Lakeland, freshman Andrea Hunter takes the racket back for her two handed backhand. Her opponent failed to return the ball, but having the racket back gave more time for preparation. Andrea won the match and played singles in the state tournament.



Thrusting her racket for the ball, senior Laura Asakura runs to the net for a low volley. "Mrs. Winstead made us practice volleys constantly. I felt a lot more comfortable coming to the net this season," said Laura.





# Volley

By Russel Moldenhauer

## FRESHMAN WINS SINGLES TITLES, TEAM WINS DISTRICT, REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

**N**ewton's Law that says for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction obviously does not apply to the girls' tennis team.

Continuing their winning ways, these ladies ended their season with an undefeated district record; their only losses were to AAA schools in the regular season. They won the district and regional titles. They also took the district and regional singles championship with freshman Andrea Hunter. Senior Laura Schempf teamed with Andrea to capture the doubles crown in district competition and runner-up in regionals.

"I looked forward to tennis season all year, especially districts, and it just flew by. Everyone really worked hard, but we all had fun, too. I'm proud of what we've accomplished as a team," said Laura.

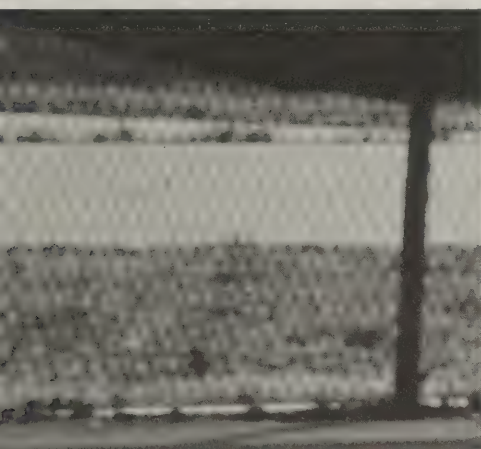
Agreeing with Laura, senior Laura Asakura said, "We had a great season this year. Mrs. Winstead made us practice constantly and we pulled together to capture the district and regional titles."

Even with a freshman as first seed, they had plenty of experience and grew together as a team. "We have matured as a team, and established ourselves as competitors. Our goal was to beat Lakeland, become district and regional champs and advance to state. We have worked hard and it shows in our record. After I graduate, it will feel like I left part of my family behind," said senior Sarah Evans.

Junior Valerie Sledd agreed. She said, "Everyone worked all season and pulled together as a team when it matured. Being able to go to state was great and just added to the fun that we had all season."

Coach Brenda Winstead was proud of her team. She said, "I knew it would be among Lakeland, York, and us for the run for the district title. We had two close matches against them, but the girls knew what they had to do and they did it. I was very proud of their 7-2 win over Lakeland in the regional competition by clinching the match with five single wins."

Even with the loss in the state semifinals, they achieved their goals.



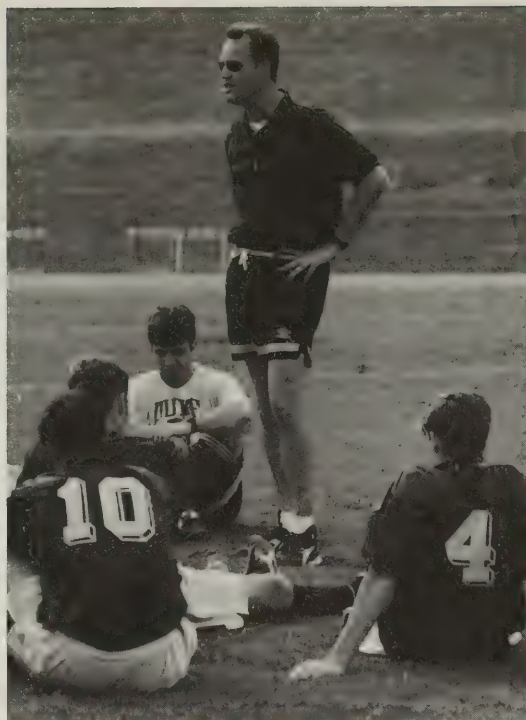
**T**hrowing the ball up high is important in hitting a strong, accurate serve," said senior Laura Schempf. Laura slams the ball into her opponent's box for an ace. She and teammate Andrea Hunter won the regional title.

**I**n the midst of her swing, junior Valerie Sledd follows through with her backhand shot. This helped control the shot although the serve went into the net. Valerie swept her opponent in straight sets to win the district title.



Shielding the ball from the defender, senior Tom Beazlie dribbles down the field preparing to pass to senior Dean Shannon. Footwork and skill got the ball down the field to senior Pete Nadolny, who shot one of the 3 goals resulting in a win.

Giving a pep talk to the varsity soccer team, coach Scott Canaday said, "We should be spanking this team so bad that after the game they go home and beat their parents for having them." At halftime Canaday talked to the guys to get them psyched.



# B O O T

By Kelli Alger

## NEVER-GIVE-UP ATTITUDE WINS RECOGNITION FOR DISTRICT-WINNING SOCCER TEAM

The referee pulls from his pocket a red card, the crowd goes crazy screaming profanity, you realize the coach has just been thrown out of the game.

Never giving up was an attitude varsity soccer players had. They lost their coach at one point, but respect and recognition got him back. Practices and coaching led the team to victory in districts.

Junior Mike Moore said, "After our torturous practices and pre-season, I expected nothing less than a successful season." Other players had the same view as Mike. Most were very positive.

Senior Ryan Richter said, "We're very pleased with our accomplishments this season."

Downfalls also created the team. "Coming into the season, we were overconfident of our ability to play as a team. As a result, we started out 0-2, but as time passed, each of our individual talents melded together to form the exceptional team we are," senior Jimmy Brooks said.

Senior Dan Rogers said, "People started to realize how awesome soccer is. We are beginning to get the crowd we deserve. We have the potential to be state champs; we just need to start playing like the team that we are. We are the team to beat." Positive thinking kept the spirit of the team up, even when things were down.

"Finally the soccer program at PHS got the recognition that we deserve. We only had one district loss and two others in the regular season. The district loss was a well-played game, but mentally got out of hand in the end. The other losses came from two AAA, top of the district schools. Hopefully, we will play well in state tournament. If we do, there is no stopping us," senior Brian Topping said.

Though the team made it to state and had an equally challenged game, the team lost. This left them with the victory of a season showing Poquoson what soccer is all about and generating an interest in the sport.







# Congratulations

## Captains

Pete Nadolny, Dan  
Rogers

## All District

Pete Nadolny, Dan  
Rogers, Shawn  
Routten

## Varsity Soccer

12-3

Gloucester	0-1
Salem	4-7
Deep Creek	2-1
Princess Anne	2-1
Kellam	3-2
Bruton	3-1
Lafayette	2-1
Lakeland	6-1
Indian River	4-1
Western Branch	2-0
Nansemond River	5-0
Franklin	8-2
Smithfield	8-1
Southampton	11-0
York	2-3



**Varsity Boys' Soccer.** First Row: Ryan Richter, Tom Beazlie, Cory Groseth, Shawn Routten; Second Row: Announcer Jason Bryant, Alex Glushko, Dave Nadolny, Shawn Edwards, Jimmy Brooks; Third Row: Ryan Hunter, Pete Nadolny, Troy Butler, Dean Shannon, Manager Jennifer Bookwalter; Fourth Row: Robert Stallard, Brian Sutton, Jason Koptish, Mike Moore, Jeremy Ross; Fifth Row: Brian Topping, JM Nobile, Dan Rogers, Coach Scott Canaday.



Moving forward, senior Alex Glushko guides the ball down the field. Alex said, "For many generations Poquosonites have had the 'never give up' attitude. As we prepare for York on Friday, I'm sure we will have this attitude." They did with a 1-0 victory, winning districts.

Dribbling down the field, sophomore Jason Koptish prepares to take a shot at the goal. Jason had two goals in the regular season Poquoson-Bruton game. This helped to win the game, 3-1.

As he tangles with a Bruton defender, senior Dan Rogers uses skill to intimidate. Dan said, "Once I arrive at the field a change occurs. Sometimes even my teammates become afraid of me."



## Girls' Track

4-5

New Kent/Sussex	45-77-37
Smithfield/Franklin	103-27-30
Lakeland	58-74
Bruton/Nansemond River	38-77.5-51.5
York/Southampton	53-50.5-63.5



**Girls Track. First Row:** Jenny Shores, Christie Smith, Jenny Zaremba, Lindsey King, Michelle Marshall, Miranda Wichlens, **Second Row:** Kristi Sutton, Mandie Kern, Erin Cobb, Meghan Steele, Lara Flanagan, Kristi Geppert, Lindsey Reinholdt, **Third Row:** Rebecca Lawson, Britney Compton, Kelly Longstreet, Katie Powell, Nikki Folks, Crystal Thrasher, Hilary Johnson, **Fourth Row:** Rachel McGraw, Jennifer Kennedy, Becky David, Amanda Robertson, Laura Kukich, Angela Taliaferro, Maddie Beard, **Fifth Row:** Coach Joe Garrity, Coach Jeff Jackson, Coach John Forrest, Coach Tara Levan, Coach Bill Crute.

## Boys' Track

4-6

New Kent/Sussex	88-61-10
Smithfield/Franklin	84-59-29
Lakeland	54-86
Bruton/New Kent	64-56.5-57.5
York/Southampton	64-66.5-46.5



**Boys Track. First Row:** Michael DuBose, James Ayers, Drew Whitam, Jesse Dunlap, Dan McAdams, Cody Spencer, Donnie Stokes, Josh Harris, **Second Row:** George Hudgins, Jeff Lackey, Patrick Johnson, Josh Kovar, Ryan VanHeeswyk, Jeremy Miller, Greg Deaver, Matt Shepherd, Jeremy Bloxom, Mike French, **Third Row:** Adam Simmons, Steven Feigh, Paul Rosensteel, Chris Carter, Jimmy Royster, Song Kim, Matt Williams, Jeff Norris, **Fourth Row:** Jacob Inge, Morgan Newlon, Donnie Gardner, Ken Sellers, Russel Moldenhauer, Nick Creasman, John Bargeman, Charlie French, Jason Abbott, Daniel Dossey, **Fifth Row:** Erik Stinson, Jeff Scott, Brad Ambrose, David Flatt, David McGarry, Tim Murphy, Joe Flannery, James Warren, Wyn McPherson, Phillip Pauls, Malcolm Matheson, **Sixth Row:** Coach Joe Garrity, Coach Jeff Jackson, Coach John Forrest, Coach Tara Levan, Coach Bill Crute.



At the first track and field meet of the season against New Kent at New Kent, senior Nick Creasman and freshman Jacob Inge sprint the last 100 meters of the one mile. The boys mile and two mile runners ran to their first victory at that meet.

Speed as well as skill carried senior Tim Murphy over a hurdle at the Captain's Classic meet held at Christopher Newport University. Tim returned to CNU to compete at regionals and finished seventh and eighth at state in the 110 and 300 meter hurdle events.





# Accelerate

By Hilary Johnson

## BOYS WIN DISTRICT, THIRTEEN COMPETE AT STATE TOURNAMENT

The clock is ticking and you have 100 meters left to run. All of a sudden someone tries to pass you. The track team did not let anyone pass them.

Everyone liked to win medals, and junior Jason Abbott was no stranger to that. He won every competition except state in pole vault. "I'm glad but disappointed that I didn't do as well as last year," said Jason, "but I placed higher." He placed third at state.

Junior Angela Taliaferro also placed third at state. She trained over the summer at a camp to improve her performance in high jump. When asked how it felt to do so well, Angela said, "It felt great. My dream has come half true. Next year I'm going to jump 5 feet, 6 inches."

Not everyone who went to state came home with a medal. The girls 4x800 meter relay team made it to the state competition with two freshmen, a junior, and a senior. Freshman Kristi Sutton said, "It was better working as a team than by myself. I had a lot of fun." The girls also set the school record at the regional track meet.

For those who didn't make it to state, the season was filled with personal records and great memories. "This was my best season. I got my personal best and even though I didn't go to regionals I had a lot of fun," said senior shot putter Laura Kukich.

For those who did not break personal records, the season offered new perspectives in running. Sophomore Patrick Johnson, who usually ran long distances, ran in the boys 4x100 meter relay at districts. "It was actually kind of cool to see a different perspective at running," said Patrick, "Long distance and sprinting are completely different."

Coach Jeff Jackson was satisfied with the year. He said, "It was a great year. We had a lot of young girls who developed wonderfully and I expect great things from them next year. The guys came out of nowhere and won districts, and took second place at regionals."



As spectators watch, junior Joe Flannery attempts to clear the high jump bar. Although Joe did not compete in the high jump beyond the district meet, he finished in the top six at Regionals in the 300 meter hurdles.

During the distance medley relay at the Peninsula Relays meet held at Darling Stadium, sophomore Miranda Wichlens runs the mile leg. Miranda said, "It was fun carrying the baton; I don't usually run in relays."



# Tackle

*By Chuck Winstead & Charlie French*

## JV TEAMS PERSUE UNDEFEATED RECORDS, FOOTBALL TEAM ACHIEVES IT

**Y**outh can bring things like inexperience and losing seasons, but not in these cases. The JV football and JV soccer teams both ended with winning seasons.

JV sports were the preparatory sports leagues for the varsity. By practicing in games and with teammates, underclassmen hoped to prepare for what was ahead of them.

The overall attitude of the JV soccer team seemed to be a positive one. Sophomore Frank Beazlie said, "We did really well this year and our record reflects that. Everyone did their best and worked hard."

As the players competed throughout the season they were coached by Scott Kennedy. Freshman Justin Williams said, "Our coach taught us a lot of new techniques."

"We had a lot of new faces on the team, particularly a lot of eighth graders. They came around really well near the end of the season," said sophomore Jarrett Yehelen.

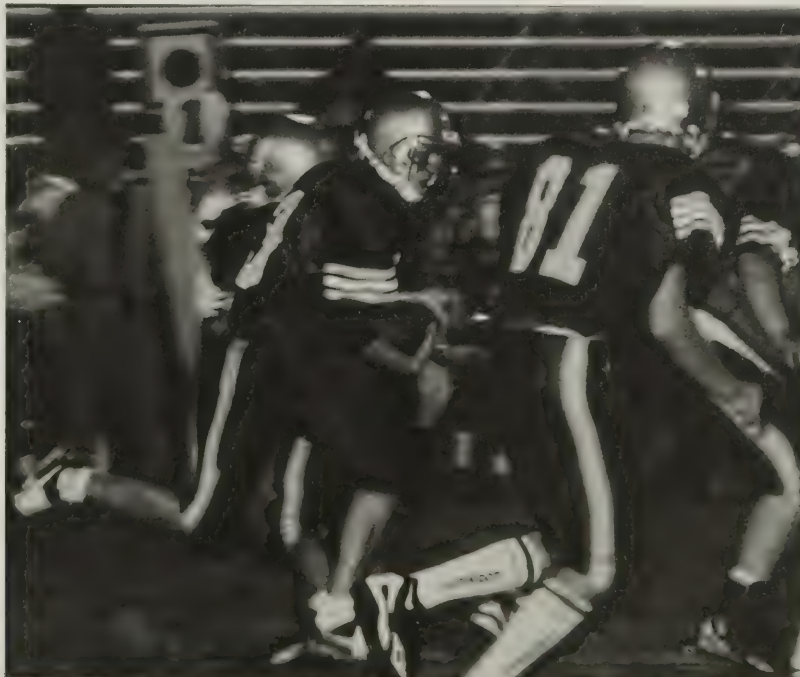
The squad finished the season with one unfortunate loss to end their undefeated streak.

Freshman Natalie Stallings overcame the obstacle of being one of the only girls in a primarily boys team. Natalie said, "It was fun playing with the boys because it really challenged me. Even though we ended the winning streak, we still had a successful and fun season."

Despite the lack of older, more experienced players, JV football showed plenty of skill by finishing without a single loss. Their finishing record of 6-0 put them first in district. The season turned out to be the best in years. Sophomore Josh Kovar described his thoughts on the season and how he had big hopes for next year when many of the JV players will move up to the varsity level. He said, "I think this season helped prepare our team for the varsity level. I hope we can continue our success."

Adding to a positive memory of the season, sophomore Cory Grosseth expressed his feeling for the season. He said, "This season turned out to be awesome. All the players had plenty of heart. We all worked together to accomplish it."

**A**fter receiving a pass from sophomore quarterback Tommy Crittenden, sophomore Daniel Dossey hauls down the field to get his team a first down. This drive led the team to a touchdown. This helped the Islanders win their battle against Nansemond River.





In the JV soccer game at Bruton, sophomore Craig Brown sprints to keep the ball in bounds. Freshman Natalie Stallings ran to get open for his pass. The ball rolled out of bounds, however, and it was a Bruton throw-in. Even with the newly created girls' soccer team, Natalie decided to play on the boys' team.

Dropping back to attempt a pass against Nansemond River, sophomore Tommy Crittenden looks for an open receiver. Unable to find an one, Tommy executed a quarterback sneak for a positive gain in yards. Hustle on plays like this allowed the JV squad to have a winning season.



Passing was an essential part of the game of soccer. Midfielder Tommy Crittenden knocks the ball past two Bruton defensemen to an open teammate, sophomore Stephen Tom. The Islanders won in front of a Bruton crowd, 3-0.



## Junior Varsity Football

6-0

Lakeland	17-0
Smithfield	17-0
York	50-0
Bruton	20-14
Southampton	20-6
Nansemond River	10-0



**JV Football. First Row:** Andrew Staton, Cory Groseth, Derek Chambers, Mike Ferguson, Michael Pierce, TJ Kegl, Jerrod Hurr, Stephen Riley, John Bell; **Second Row:** Daniel Dossey, Chris Carter, Tommy Crittenden, Skip Banton, Curtis Booth, Chip Edwards, John Kovar, Robert Dorsey, Jason Verser, Robert Ankeney; **Third Row:** Josh Hurr, Jimmy Pierce, Ryan Ferry, Jerry Wescott, Michael Green, Dave Shannon, George Hudgins, Jamison Potter, Brett Maguire, Josh Grohs, John Bargeman.

## Junior Varsity Boys' Soccer

Scoreboard

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**JV Boys' Soccer. First Row:** Brandon Routten, Natalie Stallings, Andrew Staton, Jason Freeman, Ricky Snapp; **Second Row:** Manager Jessica Mardis, Nathan Holst, Chris Harris, Pete Anderson, Robby Jenkins, Manager Kelli Forrest; **Third Row:** Jon Abel, Tommy Crittenden, Meredith Cassell, Stephen Tom, Mark Marconi, Justin Williams; **Fourth Row:** Coach Scott Kennedy, Frank Beazlie, Tommy Morgan, Chris Watson, Jarrett Yehlen.



WHY do we go to school?

To learn. How do you learn?

By attending class.

By Dean Shannon

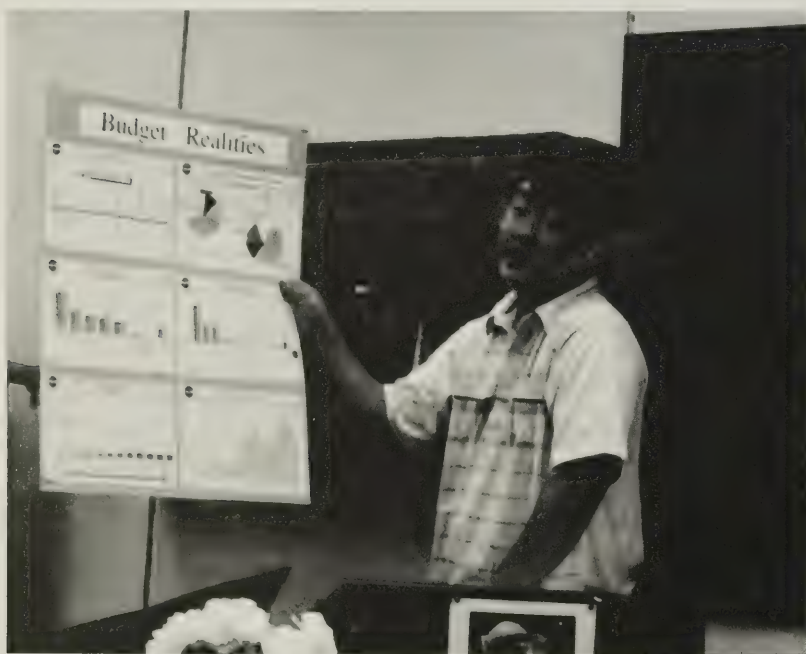
Out-of-school  
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# Line Of Duty

Academics  
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lege, and what  
kind of work  
you went into.  
This was not  
anything new.  
It was just  
*ALONG THE*



**FOR** a research project in AP Government, senior Han Choi presents his project on the national budget. "In an AP class you exercise more self-reliance," said Han. Projects only added to the workload students suffered through on a daily basis.

*SAME LINES.*

"I know what I want to do, so I pick my classes to try and get my foot in the door," said sophomore Brad Elsass. If one was shrewd enough to avoid the dreaded "Guidance





Conflict,” they could have gauged their schedule to nearly any occupation desired.

Taking math, science, and pottery was not the only option. Outside resources such as New Horizons, Governors School, and ICT provided opportunities that would be unavailable otherwise. Senior Wesley Backus said, “I went to New Horizons last year and this year I’m enrolled in ICT and working at the fire station because that’s what I want to do when I get out of school.”

Whatever you chose to do or to study, the options were available, as always. And that is why everything in Academics was *ALONG THE SAME LINES*.

**WHEN** the bell rang at 2:05, the academic day was over and students were released to their lockers and after-school activities. Seniors Pete Nadolny and Jeff Mitchell go to their lockers before going home. Lockers, although not exciting, were a necessary part of academics.



# R

## EDUCED READING

*Study guides, shortened versions  
of classics lessen time  
needed to study*

BY RACHEL FORREST

**A** *Man For All Seasons, Billy Budd, The Red Badge of Courage.*

All of these books were required reading that could be cut short by the use of *Cliff Notes*. There were different opinions among students about whether *Cliff Notes* were useful or not.

Senior Danielle Nicely did not agree with using *Cliff Notes*. She said, "I do not use *Cliff Notes* because I read the entire book. I feel that I get more out of the book if I read it."

Sophomore Craig Brown felt differently about *Cliff Notes*. He said, "I use *Cliff Notes* because I can not stand reading. They do not take as long to read, either."

Senior Camie Williams felt the same. She said, "It is a lot easier to use *Cliff Notes* than

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read the book. It takes less time."

Freshman Brian Bunting also agreed with using *Cliff Notes*. He said, "Cliff Notes are just a summary, you learn basically the same things as you do by reading the whole book."

Senior Sara Shaw felt like using *Cliff Notes* was appropriate. She said, "I use *Cliff Notes* if the book is difficult. I only use *Cliff Notes* when the book is assigned. The books I read for enjoyment I don't need to use *Cliff Notes*."

Freshman Chuck Diggs said, "Cliff Notes make the book easier because you do not have to read long chapters. It makes book reports easier."

Students made their own decisions whether *Cliff Notes* were better than reading the whole book.



**C**urled up in her chair on a rainy Saturday, Senior Amy Vest finishes reading for her book report. Amy read the *Cliff Notes* to *Huckleberry Finn*.

**B**etween the time senior Brad Beals got to class and when the bell rang, he caught up on his reading. Brad was reading *Animal Farm* for his English class.







atching up on her reading, senior Ryann Sawyer takes advantage of some free time during class. Several students liked to use their in-class time to catch up on work to help lessen the homework load.

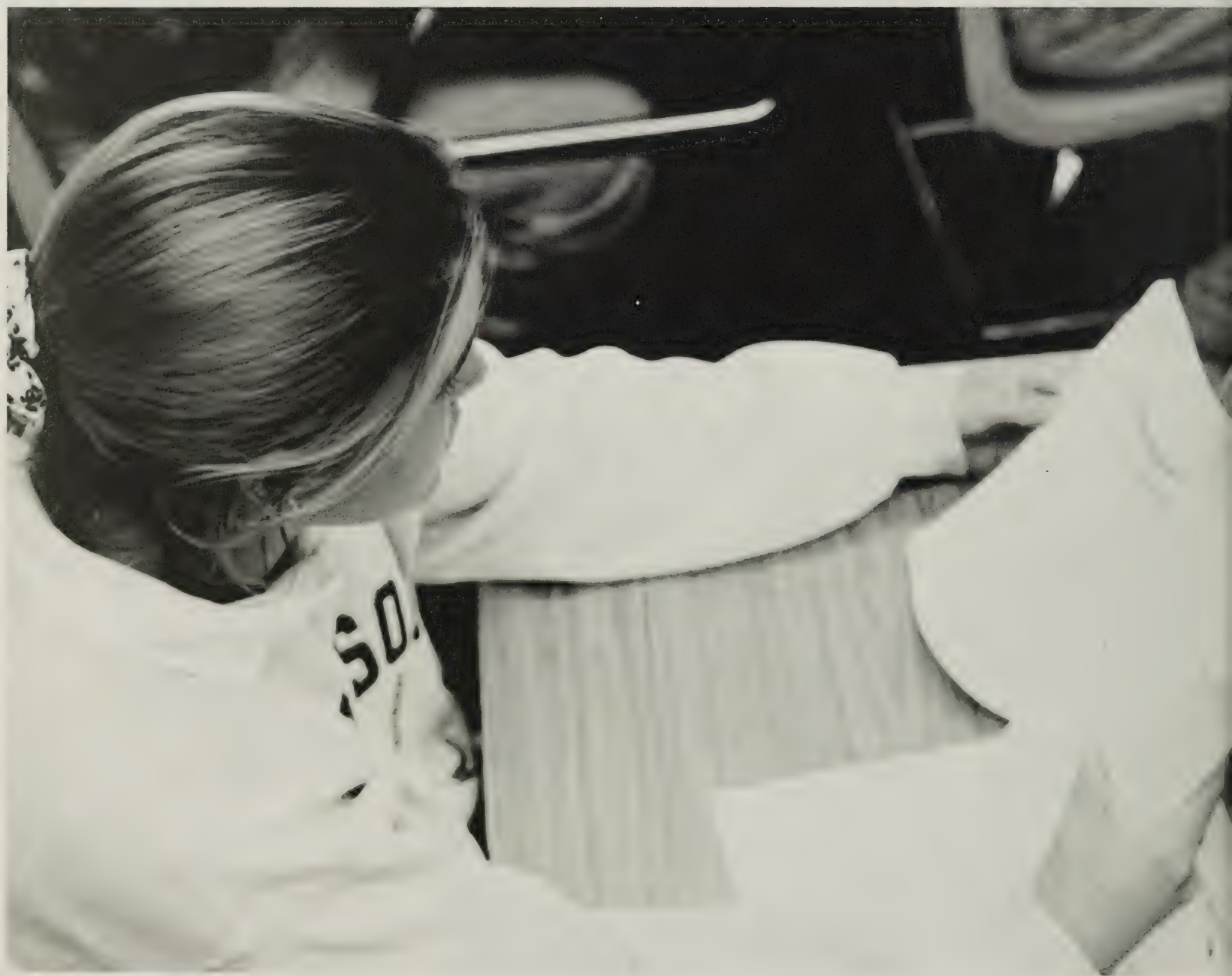


n a Sunday afternoon, sophomore Nikki Folks rests on senior Amy Vest's bed to read. Nikki needed to read *The Sun Also Rises*, so she got the *Cliff Notes* from the library to shorten the reading time.



**D**uring free time in class, seniors Brady Diggs, Ryan Richter, and Jeromie Houston discuss what they did over the weekend. After notes in Mr. Greg Hopkins' first hour class, his sociology students were allowed to talk with each other.

**I**n government class, reading from her Lasser book, senior Katie Cox finishes her assignment. Mrs. Carol Zak assigned readings from the Lasser, which was a text to explain some aspects of politics, to give her students a better understanding of the chapter they were studying.

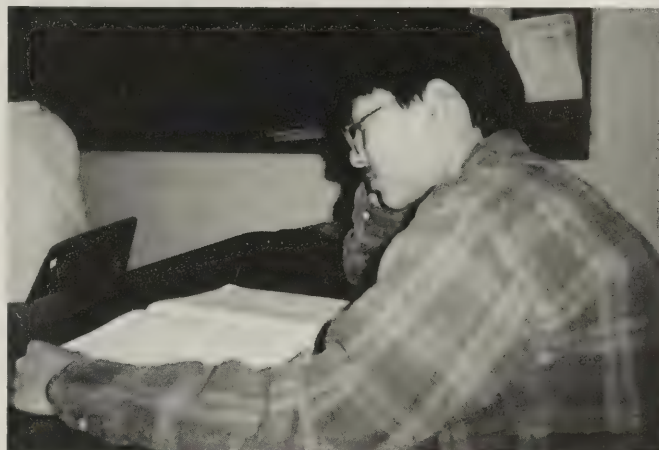






**O**n government class senior Allison Dexter passes notes to a classmate senior Christi Wright. People who missed days from school found themselves asking classmates for notes, because the tests were usually generated from the class notes.

**D**uring Mr. Bob Baker's fourth hour AP history class, junior Ming Eng follows along in his book as Mr. Baker reviews material on the Korean War. Often Mr. Baker reviewed the chapters with games like Jeopardy to prepare the students for their test.



*Look into past creates picture of  
forefathers, structure for  
current government*

# FINISHED FACTS

**U**gh! Your history project is due, you forgot to write up the report for it. So, what do you do? As you walk to class you panic and decide to risk a debate with the teacher.

No, really, the project wasn't due, but students did debate with their social studies teachers. Freshman Tracie Van Heeswyk said, "We debated a lot about everything. It's informative and Mrs. Morrison makes it fun." Since all students were required to take a history and government class, seniors found themselves in government classes. "I like my class. We have open discussions about various topics," said senior Laura Kukich about her second period government class with Mr. Dave Nelson.

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Senior Eric Insley agreed that government class was fun. He said, "The open discussions opened up my eyes to other viewpoints, and sometimes they were even funny."

Daily discussions were common in most classes, but other activities constituted Mr. Craige Stallings' world history class. "We take notes, watch film strips, and do crossword puzzles," said sophomore Shari Gross, "but the best part of Mr Stallings' class is learning all about fishing."

Social studies classes were required credits for graduation. Discussion and busy work kept the students on their toes. The teacher's lectures prepared students for final exams. Junior Jeff Scott felt the lectures were unnecessary. He said, "Mr Hopkins talks too much."

BY HILARY JOHNSON



Using the tweezers to pull back the flap of skin, sophomore Nina Richardson laughs as she dissects her frog. She said, "It smelled horribly, and my group did not seem to want to participate so I had to do most of it myself."

As he pins the frog down, sophomore Tommy Morgan begins to dissect it. Once the frog was opened, students had to recognize the eggs, liver, intestine, heart, stomach, and bladder.



*Dead animals provide opportunity to  
learn functions of organs, cause  
nausea, excitement*

# LEARN LIFEFORMS

The directions on the board. The stations set up around the room. The scent of formaldehyde in the air. It can only mean one thing. Dissections!

Dissections were common in biology and ecology classes. Freshman Curie Choi, a biology student, said, "I dissected owl vomit. It was very intriguing because I found mice skulls and skeletons."

Sophomore Michael Brooks also was interested by dissections. He said, "When I cut into the animals it fascinates me, because I see the insides up close and I can move them. You can't do that with a picture."

Some students thought it was cruel to dissect animals. Sophomore Corie Forrest said, "I think dissection is wrong, but if it's

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with Mr. Gemmill, anything is exciting."

Sometimes the odor of formaldehyde became overwhelming. Senior Beth Gottschalk said, "We dissected squid in ecology class to study its structure. It smelled really bad."

Dissections got a little messy at times. "I dissected a tapeworm, and it was absolutely disgusting. When I cut through the skin, all this juice leaked out," said sophomore Maurice Kaiser.

Junior George Gori couldn't understand the point of dissections. He said, "I had to dissect a clam to look at the inside and learn how it lived. I couldn't make out a thing. It was just a big brown blob."

Although dissections were messy and smelly, most students learned from them.





While dissecting a frog in biology class, sophomore Erin Murphy holds it steady while sophomore Blair Hardaway makes the incision. Blair said, "It was totally disgusting when we opened it up and looked inside. We had a female, and her eggs went everywhere. It was amazing how many eggs the frog can produce."

In academic biology class, freshman Shannon Nobile makes a slit in a frog's leg. Dissection was a requirement for biology students. Throughout the school year they dissected frogs, sharks, fish, and lampreys.







**T**o speak and read in a foreign language proved to be confusing to some students. Mr Tom Fay explains a new verb tense to junior Heather Ivey.

**I**n Mrs. Nancy Rowley's Spanish class, sophomore Craig Brown gives a presentation. Foreign language teachers assigned oral presentations to improve students' speech skills.





Foreign languages challenge understanding  
of culture, lifestyles of  
others in world

# LEARNING LINGO

**G**uten Tag, Hola, Bonjour. To most students one of these words was familiar. Taking a foreign language class was not required to graduate, but most of the student body took a foreign language class. The classes included German, Spanish, and French. Deciding which one to take depended on the person, their friends, or their parents.

Sophomore Christa Stutt attended the German II class. Christa said, "German is a lot of fun. It really challenges me. I like the class a lot, and I also like my teacher, Ms. Small."

Christa may have liked German, but junior Pete Restituto favored the Spanish language. Pete said, "I prefer Spanish because I believe that Spanish is spoken more widely

*"I prefer  
Spanish  
because it is  
spoken more  
widely than  
any other  
language."*

than any other foreign language."

Agreeing with Pete, senior Peggy Gross described what it was like to be a Spanish student. "This year I am in Mr. Fay's class. He is more intelligent, handsome, kind, generous, and honest than any other teacher in this school," she said.

Defending her classmates, freshman Amanda Moore described life in French class. Amanda said, "I really like French class because I really get along well with Mrs. Britt."

They all agreed with Ms. Helen Small when she said, "If you want to be a citizen of the world, it is necessary to understand how others think. Understanding a foreign language is one of the best ways of developing an open mind."



**A**fter taking a test in Miss Helen Small's German class seniors Mary Roberts, Rob Stallard and Kandi Fowler told about how difficult they thought it was. Foreign language tests were often challenging because it was hard for some to remember a language that they are not used to speaking

**I**n Mrs. Dale Stollendorf's Spanish class sophomores Shari Gross and Mike DuBose and freshman Matt Britt work in a group to do a worksheet. Working in groups made it easier for some students to learn a foreign language.



*Practice, preparation, relaxation keys  
to easing nervousness in  
student performances*

# CURTAIN CRISIS

BY ERIC INSLEY

**A**re you ready? Do you know your part? Five minutes until curtain. Let's do it.

All these phrases were ones every band and chorus member became accustomed to before every performance.

The band and chorus offered many opportunities for the students, their parents, and teachers to enjoy a performance. Freshman Jeremy Rogers said, "I enjoy performing for people. When they applaud, you know you have done a good job."

Performing for people was enjoyable for many of the band and chorus members. "Knowing that we (the band) did well makes it all worth while," said freshman Christine Meadors.

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possibly do."*

Preparation and relaxation were important to the student performers. Sophomore Jimmy Pierce said, "I like to go through the songs once just to make sure I have everything right. It is not fun to mess up."

"I like to sit back and relax before it is time to perform. It helps me to stay calm," said junior April Butler.

Nervousness played its part before and during every show. Senior Christy Buchholz said, "Of course I get nervous. Whenever you perform for people, you want to do the best you can possibly do."

Performances took hours of practice and preparation, but most agreed that it was all worth the time and effort when everything came off smoothly.



**A**s they wait for the performance to begin, sophomore Michelle Harrell and junior Melissa Carter talk outside the middle school auditorium. Every year the different sections of the high school chorus presented a Christmas program.

**D**uring acappella chorus class, sophomores Gair Perry and Jenny Holland look over their songs. They were practicing for the Christmas concert held in December. It was performed twice, once for the students during school, and once for the parents at night.







On a bus ride to a chorus performance at Phoebus High School, seniors Marina Valdez and Marc Racz talk about what kind of scores they feel chorus will receive. The chorus went to many performances where they were judged and scored. In this competition the chorus received a superior rating, the highest possible.

One of the duties of the band was to perform for the annual National Honor Society induction ceremony. Senior Jeff Mast and junior Brad Ambrose relax before the ceremony begins.



**C**oncentrating on remembering answers, senior Rollie Ligart takes a quiz in math class. Rollie was able to use his notes on the quiz. Using notes gave an advantage for those who took good notes, but did not memorize well.

**A**s Mrs. Bonnie Fay's English class prepares to take a literature quiz, senior April Insley gets a quick look at her notes. Reviewing at the last minute was helpful in test taking.







**W**hile in Algebra II/Trig. class, sophomore Ryan Hunter takes a test. Ryan said, "I do not like taking math tests because I never know whether my answer is even close. Multiple choice tests are better because if I get an answer that's not one of the choices then I know I did something wrong."

**U**sing the spare moments before her seventh hour class, senior Laura Kukich studies for a test later that day. With much of the afternoons and nights taken up by other activities, students had to find time between and during classes to review for tests.



*Multiple choice, true false, fill in the blank,  
essay offer variety of evaluation*

*opportunities*

# TEST TROUBLES

**A**re the easier tests to take a. fill in the blank, b. essay, c. multiple choice, d. none of the above?

Students differed in their preference of tests. "I prefer fill in the blank tests because facts are easier to remember when there are not many similar answers such as in multiple choice tests," said freshman Shannon Nobile. Sophomore Matt Williams shared a different opinion. He said, "I prefer multiple choice tests because you can use the process of elimination, compared to essay or fill in the blank tests. It makes it much easier."

Agreeing with Matt Williams on the process of elimination while taking multiple choice tests, sophomore Jake Martin said, "I think multiple choice tests are best because

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still miss  
it."*

even if I do not study much, and I do not know the answer, I still have a good chance of getting it right."

Senior Jeremy Ross said, "I like true/false tests. The odds are more in my favor compared to multiple choice tests."

Junior Amanda Robertson despised essay tests. She said, "I hate essay tests because they are long and tedious. I always seem to forget to write something down that I meant to write."

Still, some students just did not like any type of tests. "I hate all tests. It does not matter if I have a fifty/fifty chance, I still miss it," said freshman Katie Powell.

No matter what type, tests were dreaded by students.

BY REBECCA TURBISH



**G**lue holds pieces together as sophomore Bobby Butler finishes the last touches on his mousetrap car. In Mr. Toby Ommundsen's power and transportation class, students were required to construct a mousetrap car which they raced against each other.

**M**oments before racing, sophomore Jamie Price tunes up his mousetrap car he made in power and transportation. Jamie said, "There are lots of adjustments and last minute improvements you can make to have your car to run better."



*Mousetrap car develops skills in  
design, construction, racing  
for technology class*

# RODENT RACERS

**S**nap, snap, snap, they are off. An assorted tangle of wheels, wood, and other materials powered by a mousetrap, careen forward.

The goals in the competitions were speed across a five meter distance, appearance, and farthest distance traveled.

The power and transportation class had the mousetrap car project assigned as the second quarter grade. This included developing plans, selecting materials to be used, constructing the car, and racing the finished car against others in their class.

Mr. Torbjorn Ommundsen, the technology education teacher said, "The objective of this lesson was to understand mechanical principals, and use that understanding to create

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liked the  
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project was  
graded."*

design options, and go through the process of engineering a mechanical system."

Despite the heavy learning atmosphere, many students liked the project. Sophomore Jamie Price said, "I liked the competition most. I also liked the way Mr. Ommundsen graded the project."

Other students were quick to point out what they did not like about the project. Sophomore Ryland Ballard pointed out some of the main unpleasanties. He said, "I had to work, but it worked out that I threw a car together in the end."

The overall experience taught students in the class that things were not as easy as they seemed, and even though it was educational it was also fun.





**W**orking on his mousetrap car in Mr. Toby Ommundsen's class, freshman Andrew Causey hammers his wheel and axle assembly on before gluing and clamping the whole thing together.

**A**ll lined up and ready to race are sophomore Ryland Ballard, freshmen Josh Insley and Paul Frieden, senior Nathan Howell, junior Malcolm Matheson, and sophomore Ralph Mason. As part of their second quarter power and transportation grade, students raced the mousetrap cars they had constructed.







While working on a spread in yearbook class, sophomore Nicole Feldl makes the final corrections on her copy. Yearbook class required many hours of work on the computer. Nicole said, "I had to stay after school and even come in at nights to meet deadlines."

Deadlines caused busy days and nights after school. Senior Colleen Smith, editor of the student life section of the yearbook, said, "Putting together a yearbook takes a lot of work outside of the time you have allotted in class."





*Publications provide creative  
outlet, camaraderie,  
pride in product*

# MEMORY MAKERS

**7**o inform. To entertain. To educate. To remind.

School publications served the student body, providing a steady flow of information to the masses. The two major publications were *The Island Echo*, the school's newspaper, and *Islander*, the yearbook.

Unique to school publications was the fact that they were completely fabricated by students, with little adult influence. "The school paper can relate to students more readily because it is produced by the peers of the readers," said senior Jimmy Brooks, a member of both the newspaper and yearbook staffs.

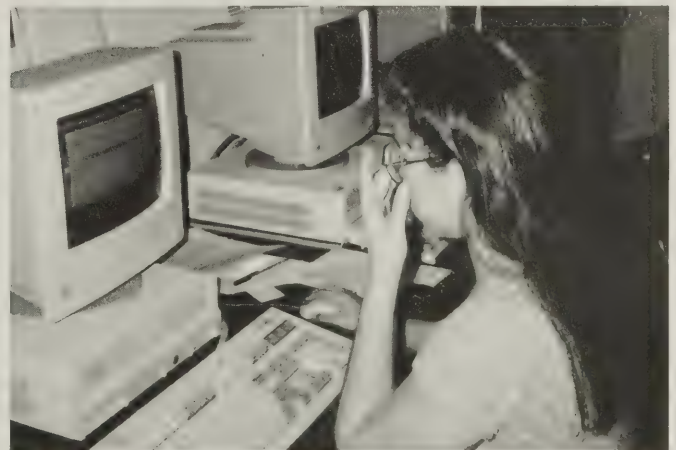
Working on school publications provided a creative outlet. An editor of the truck section (center 2 pages) of the newspaper, junior Jaclyn

*"There are  
few rules in  
the section,  
I can do  
what I want  
and be  
creative."*

Smith said, "I like working on the truck. There are few rules for the section so I can do whatever I want and be creative."

To produce an entire newspaper or yearbook, countless hours were required, both in and after school. Senior yearbook staff member Melissa Messick said, "In yearbook we have to put in long hours and a lot of hard work, but I feel that the fruit of our labor pays off in the end and we make something that the whole school can be proud of."

The atmosphere of a publication class was unequal to that in any other class. A certain camaraderie emerged over the course of the year, creating a singular environment. Sophomore Rebecca Turbush said, "I enjoy yearbook because of the people in the class."



**W**orking at the computer, senior Amber Watkins gets ready for the newspaper deadline. Amber said, "Since I want to be a writer, working for the newspaper has helped change my writing in a positive way. It is challenging, but that is what I like about it."

**M**aking money helps the yearbook pay for expenses. Senior Eric Insley pulls out the cash he made selling ads to local businesses. Eric said, "Selling ads was one of the easiest parts of yearbook class. Most of the businesses I went to were happy to support the yearbook."



In Mrs. Joan Wynn's fourth hour class, senior Glenda Cox and sophomore Penny Goodrich stir their rice. They learned different cooking techniques such as using a wok to fry rice.

Earning how to cook was a unit in life management skills class. Sophomores Nikki Folks, Lyndsey Reinholdt, Rachel Ligart and Autumn Deihl talk about their cooking project while Rachel stirs the meat.







**F**ood labs were a favorite part of family life management skills classes. Mrs. Joan Wynn's second period class enjoyed a Spanish meal. Seniors Joey Harris, Chris Gibbs, Leslie Inge, Jeromie Houston and Daniel Plotnik entertain special guest Mrs. Rosie Walsh. They cooked a seven-layer taco salad.

**M**eeting in the commons after B lunch to talk over their cooking project, seniors Amy Vest and Shannon Hanson made plans for the next morning. They came in early to bake cookies in Mrs. Joan Wynn's first hour life management skills class.



*Life Management Skills teaches  
cooking, skills for future,  
independence*

# BAKING BASICS

**B**EEP..... goes the smoke alarm, while the chocolate chip cookies turn a nice charcoal black. Life Management Skills students had different opinions of learning how to cook.

One requirement of Life Management Skills class was to cook and eat food. Freshman Megan Powell said, "If I have to eat it I will probably take my time and cook it right."

Life Management Skills students enjoyed learning to cook for different reasons. Senior Dan Rogers said, "I love cooking because it is a way of relieving my anger. It keeps my mind off problems and gives me a break at school."

Sophomore Jessica Dryden said, "I enjoy cooking because it gives me an opportunity

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Senior Amy Vest believed it was harder to cook than she had first imagined. She said, "I enjoy cooking but it is more difficult than I thought it would be. It took me a couple of tries to get cookies right."

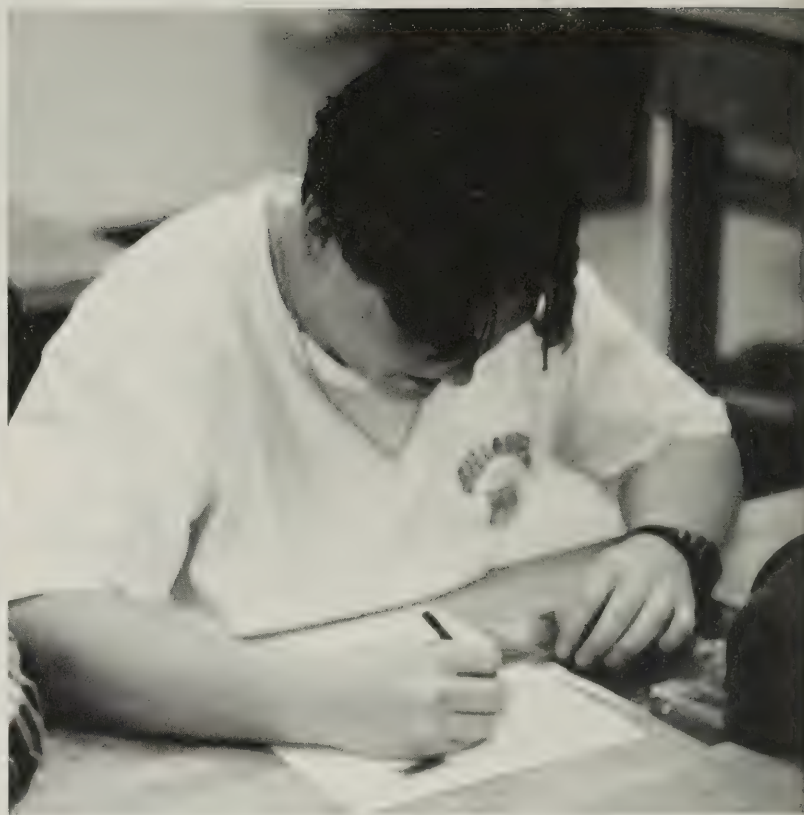
Sophomore Nikki Folks liked to try her skills on her family. She said, "I learned how to cook different types of food. I tried a chicken and rice recipe on my family, they were not excited about this. Once they tried it they really liked the way the chicken tasted. Now I have to make it all the time."

No matter how Life Management Skills students felt about learning how to cook, they all realized how much of a necessity the skill was.



While in Mrs. Paula Bennett's third hour art class, junior Jeremy Gregg works on his art project. Jeremy had to make a sketch of a magazine picture, then shade it in.

Drawing some ideas for her new art assignment, senior Mandy Groseth works on an illustration for the art display during Mrs. Bennett's third hour class.



*Art class gains opportunity to  
expand creativity,  
perfect skills*

# PICTURE PERFECT

Paint, pencils, cutting and pasting, and pottery.

Art classes gave aspiring artists an opportunity to express themselves in a variety of ways. Sophomore Natalie Wever said, "I enjoy taking art class because it is a relief from my harder academic classes."

Continued enrollment in art classes was important to the artists. They did this because of enjoyment, or the need to be creative. "In the higher level of art classes you get more freedom with what you draw," said junior Claire Shanafelt.

A few art students felt that the art department did not receive the credit it deserved. Senior Kelli Alger said, "Art has always been overlooked in the school but now we are

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freedom in  
what you  
draw."*

doing more things school wide. Maybe we will get the recognition we deserve."

Art projects were an important part of art class. They were both fun and required. "Art projects were fun to do and I would probably finish them if I showed up to class on time," said junior Donnie Gardner.

Sophomore Nicole Feldl agreed that the art projects were one of the most enjoyable parts of art class. She said, "Finishing the really big projects took a lot of time and attention to detail. The satisfaction that I felt from seeing my work develop from an idea to a finished project made it all worth while."

Art classes may not have been for everyone, but were enjoyable for those who took them.





**S**ketching out some designs, junior Donnie Gardner works on his new project. Donnie was starting to get ideas for the mural design that would be displayed on the commons' wall.

**I**n Mrs. Paula Bennett's pottery class, sophomore Amy Sutherland puts some finishing touches on her project. Students liked art class because it gave them a chance to be inventive and express themselves.





By Dean Shannon

Variety of  
activities  
provide  
opportunity  
to get  
involved

# Getting Aligned

How can you completely  
change your outlook on  
school? How can you go

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this prison you  
are required to

attend to enjoying your high  
school experience? Join a  
club.

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zation met at  
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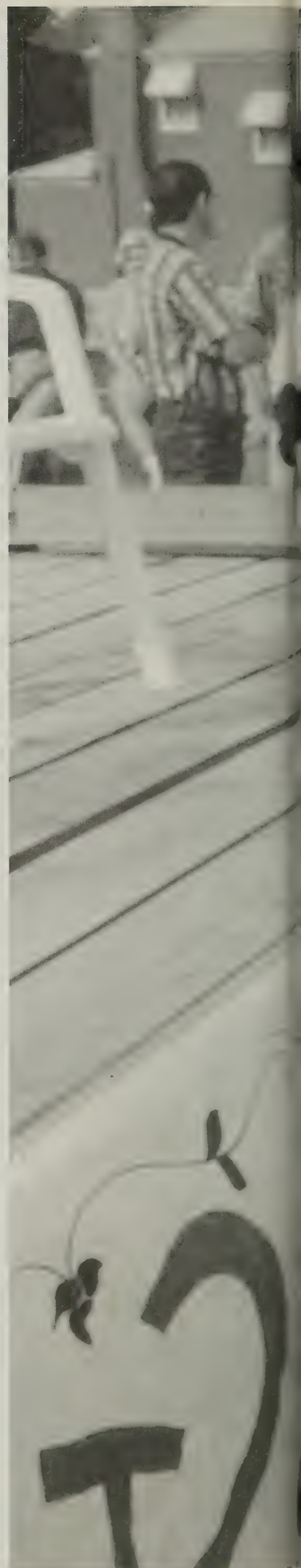


ONE of the more popular organizations within the school was the band. Marching in the Homecoming Parade is the drum line, consisting of Mike French, Lee Olsen, Drew Whitam, and Terry Parish. The spirit and enthusiasm of the band was essential to sporting events, parades and other activities.

variety of clubs and organiza-  
tions allowed every student to  
get involved and find a niche.

Senior Laura Asakura said,

“It’s very easy to get involved  
at PHS. With the large num-  
ber of organizations, every-







body has the opportunity to get involved.”

Clubs offered a chance to meet people with common interests and also really do some good for the school and community. Other performance-oriented organizations provided shows, concerts, and even pre-game performances that kept the spirit up in the school.

“Joining a club is just finding your place to fit in,” said freshman Russell Taylor. That is what joining a club or organization was all about, making yourself belong. Everyone had the opportunity to get involved and should have seen it as a privilege to be *ALONG THE SAME LINES* with the rest of the student body.

THE weekend of October 13, the Inter-club Council sponsored Homecoming. Nearly every club within the school was a member of the ICC and took on at least one part of the event. Prior to the parade, senior Christina Silcox decorates the judges’ stand for the National Honor Society.



# Leaders Bring

## new ideas back from confer- ence

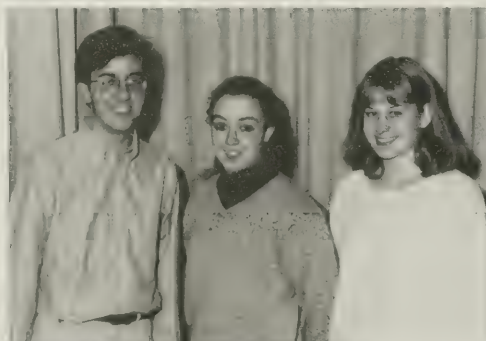
**SCA OFFICERS** Andrew Shtulman, Rebecca Turbush, Mandy Groseth, Dean Shannon, Tim Murphv, Charlie French



**Senior Class Officers** Marcus Jones, Jeff Mitchell, Laura Schempf, Laura Asakura



**Junior Class Officers** Maura Garvey, Jason Abbott, Colleen Bresnan, Jaclyn Smith



**Sophomore Class Officers** Craig Gallaer, Stacey Stone, Vicki Firth



**Freshman Class Officers** Kristi Sutton, Lorri Singleton

*By Charlie French*

*"This year was more enjoyable because I knew what to expect."*  
-Shannon Nobile

VSCA, how do you feel?

That was the start to one of the energizers that were performed at the Virginia Student Council Association's 70th annual state convention. The convention was held at the Richmond Hyatt on March 15-17. In attendance were 14 members of the SCA and Mrs. Allison Sutton, the SCA advisor.

The convention consisted of various regional meetings, seminars, lectures, and group activities. The students were able to meet with and exchange ideas with over 500 other students throughout the state.

A returnee to the state convention was Corrigan Threlkeld. Corrigan said, "I came back after 5 years and was reunited with many of the friends I knew before."

Freshman Shannon Nobile had also attended before. She said, "I attended the convention last year as an eighth grader. It was fun then, but this year was more enjoyable because I knew what to expect and I was more comfortable. The best part of the weekend was the dance. It was great."

The wild video dance party seemed to be the undisputed highlight of the weekend. Sophomore Nina Richardson said, "I met a lot of people and had a lot of fun. One of my favorite parts was the dance, where I got to relax."

An added bonus of the convention was the banquet. Principal Donald Bock was honored with the award of Administrator of the Year. Also receiving awards were Mrs. Allison Sutton for high school regional director and senior Charlie French for being high school regional representative.



While eating her lunch at the VSCA convention, junior Christa Stutt discusses proposed solutions which would be voted on later that day. Various resolutions were approved during the general session portion of the state convention.





During the 70th annual Virginia Council State Convention, Principal Donald Bock was honored as high school administrator of the year. At the convention in Richmond, Regional Director Jeanette Potter presents Mr. Bock with this award at the close of the convention banquet.

Shortly after arriving at the student council association's convention at the Hyatt Hotel in Richmond, junior Heather Arms complains about the delay in getting their rooms. The delegates had to wait four hours in a small conference room until their hotel rooms were ready.



**Senior Representatives** Mary Roberts, Corrigan Threlkeld, Ginger Aldridge



**Junior Representatives** Sarah Kreiger, Emily Shepherd, Sylvia Corneliussen, Sunny Claussen, Heather Arms, Jaclyn Smith, Valerie Sledd, Katie Edwards, Shannon Weisner, Jason Abbott, Colleen Bresnan, Maura Garvey



**Sophomore Representatives** Blair Hardaway, Randi Webb, Christa Stutt, Chris Young, Vicki Firth, Amanda Wynn, Chris Fortier, Nina Richardson



**Freshman Representatives** Andrea Hunter, Shannon Nobile, Ashley Brownley, Erica Kohr, Paul Keddell, Justin Threlkeld





**SADD** Katie Cox, Allison Mast, Jennifer Haczewski, Mion Kim, Leanne Phillips, Peggy Gross, Tiffanie Petrin, April Insley, Dana Montgomery, Christa Stutt, Shazia Ismail, Christina Solga, Blair Hardaway, Christy Woody, Laura Schempf, Laura Kukich, Amanda Wynn, Ashley West, Brady Diggs, Craig Gallaer, Chris Young



**FCA** Allison Mast, Ashleigh Schuller, Katie Cox, Lorri Singleton, Meghan Steele, Sunny Claussen, Peggy Gross, Meghan Powell, Michael Akers, Laura Jenkins, Nicole Hicks, George Gori, Kelli Forrest, Jacob Inge, Jamie Holloway, Dean Shannon, Kelli Alger, Lara Flanagan, Dana Montgomery, Tim Mattson, Jennifer Kennedy, Amanda Robertson, Bill Hammack, Ryan VanHeeswyk, Josh Insley, Laura Schempf, Todd Ploetner, Leslie Inge, Emile Cochet, Phillip Pauls, James Warren, Tim Murphy, David McGarry, Brian Norris, Jason Abbott, Charlie French



**Varsity Club Officers** Brady Diggs, Mike Andriunas, Mandy Groseth, Dave Connors



On the day of the Blood Drive, sponsored by the Red Cross, students who passed all the requirements to give blood donated a helpful pint to help someone in need. Meeting all the requirements did not insure a painless or non-nauseous experience. Junior Jason Forrest recuperates on a cot after fainting. He was one of the several students who fainted after giving blood.

Before the induction for the National Honor Society, standing members had to wear special gowns and hold symbolic candles. Seniors Katie Cox and Heather Gengnagel check out the new electric candles that were bought because of the wax dripping problems of last year.





During the National Honor Society induction, junior Jason Abbott receives a handshake from the president of NHS, senior Shelby Savage. Each new member received a membership card, pin and candle which represented the flame of knowledge.



# Friends Learn

to  
serve  
through  
commu-  
nity,  
kids

*By David Lopez*

*"Key club  
donated  
gifts to the  
Eastern  
State."*

*-Laura Schempf*

People need help. In one way or another, everyone gets help from someone else.

Students' helping the community was one way of helping those in need.

Some clubs, such as special friends, turned all their attention to primary school students. This club helped the primary school teachers work with their students. Senior Renee Hunt said, "I took special friends because I enjoy working with young children."

Some students, like senior Kathy Burrows, took special friends for a learning experience. Kathy said, "I like being in special friends. I have learned a lot about responsibility and teaching methods. Also, the children enjoy having a real teenager pay attention to them. It makes them feel important."

Key club was a national help club. "Key club did many things for the community," said the president, senior Laura Schempf. "This year, the key club donated gifts to the Eastern State Hospital, kept the Adopt-A-Spot route, helped with the Kid Fest, worked to raise money for the abused and neglected children, and sponsored a Blood Drive that collected one of the greatest amounts of blood in years," said Laura.

SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) was primarily set up to help other students think twice before driving while intoxicated. President of SADD, senior Laura Asakura said, "In October, we sponsored the Red Ribbon week, which was a drug awareness week. We also have had fund-raisers to prepare for our main event, Prom Promise week in May. This year our speaker cost \$535."



**Key Club 12** Katie Cox, Laura Asakura, Tiffanie Petrin, Sarah Evans, Katie Nolan, Kandi Fowler, Kathy Burrows, Bob Goddin, Ben Goldman, Mary Roberts, Heather Gengnagel, Corrigan Threlkeild, Brady Diggs, Geoff Gatz, David Lopez, Laura Schempf, Jeff Mitchell, Marcus Jones, Charlie French



**Key Club 11** Miyon Kim, Emily Shepherd, Sylvia Corneliussen, Leanne Phillips, Heather Ivey, Heather Arms, Valerie Sledd, Sarah Kreiger, Sarah Meyer, Joelle Hogge, Ashley West, Amy Blankenship, Maura Garvey, Katie Edwards, Mike Andriunas, Jason Bryant, Mark Philbeck



**Key Club Underclass** Miranda Wichelns, Allyson Smith, Lorri Singleton, Curie Choi, Allison Mast, Courtney Judd, Carolynn Roncaglia, Jennifer Snyder, Marybeth Evans, Mina Tabibi, Ashleigh Schuller, Jodi Koenig, Erin Murphy, Suchi Vatsa, Sheri Gross, Christa Stutt, Karen Basnett, Katy Boyle, Rebecca Turbish, Amber Normandin, Sara Johnson, Jennifer Bookwalter, Beth Ann Thomas, Kevin McClellan, Jennifer Brandt, Blair Hardaway, Jenny Lippincott, Arinn Johnson, Jamie Rogers, Nina Richardson, Amanda Wynn, Cody Spencer, Matt Britt





**Drum Major** Jennifer Freeman, Jason Price



**Colorguard** Nikki Chorik, Christy Smith, Jennifer Bookwalter, Kristy Erzen, Sara Breed, Jessie Young, Nicole Morehouse, Jama Tczarzak, Beth Gottschall, Aimee Utecht, Leah Snyder, Arinn Johnson, Becky David, Rebecca Lawson, Lara Brown



**Jazz Band** Jessica Jenks, Michael DuBose, Jennifer Staton, Jeremy Miller, Peggy Gross, Danielle Kukich, Shari Gross, Rachel McGraw, Preston Noe, Matthew Britt, Steven Tom, Jeff Mast, Jamie LaRue, Jarrett Yehlen, Dave McGarry, Sam Cowles, Jeff Norris, Rebecca Lawson



**Brass** Jessica Jenks, Kandi Fowler, Shane Chambers, Andrew Staton, Matt Shepherd, Phil Prisco, Bryan McDaniels, Steven Tom, Steven Feigh, Robert Stallard, Peggy Gross, Kevin Batchelder, Stephen Harris, Jamie LaRue, Jeff Mast, Jordan Johnson, Morgan Newlon, Jeff Scott, Jarrett Yehlen, Ryan Ferrv, Dave McGarry, Jeff Norris, Rebecca Lawson

# Band Raises

## money for spring trip to Myrtle Beach

*By Jennifer Freeman*

*"The  
drummers  
unload  
hundreds  
of boxes of  
fruit."*

*-Jeremy Miller*

"The oranges came in half boxes this month, so if you get an order for a whole box, it is really two boxes."

Though "fruit weekends" were at many times confusing, it was a simple and effective way to raise money for the band. "It is the main fund-raiser we do. The band boosters are in charge, and they supply the customers. It pays for the buses for spring trip, which cost a lot of money," said junior Becky David.

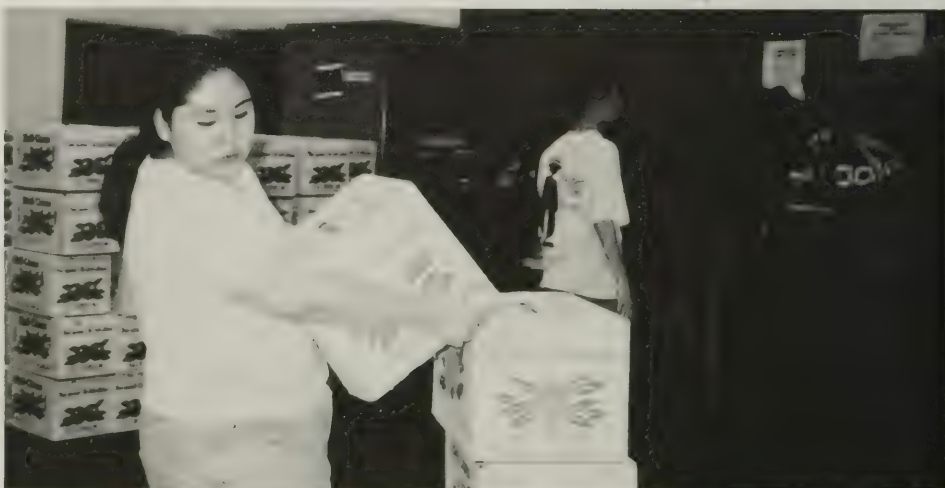
Fridays seemed a shorter and easier work day. "All the drummers unload hundreds of boxes of fruit from the truck and the rest of the band puts the fruit in the designated rooms according to size," said senior Jeremy Miller.

The operations for fruit weekends were very organized, and students held leadership roles, which made the jobs for the rest of the band tolerable. Sophomore Shari Gross said, "We get up really early so that we can go see the smiling faces of our grateful customers. We take their orders, find the fruit and then take it outside to their cars."

"The extra 'have a nice day' could lead to a tip," said freshman Jamie Bundlie.

Though it was hard work the end product was something everyone was proud of. Senior Laura Kukich said, "Each year I really look forward to spring trip. We are going to Myrtle Beach, again. The bus rides are interesting, but the beach is the best part."

The spring trip to Myrtle Beach was a great pay off for the sacrifice of a weekend every other month. Relaxing on the beach was preferred to delivering fruit to people's cars.



Arranging the fruit in groups according to size on Friday made things easier. Freshman Barbara Barthelmy lifts the top box of grapefruit at the April band fruit weekend. About 300 boxes were unloaded and sorted in the month of April





Band students practiced two times a week to prepare for competitions. Senior Jason Price stands on the podium and signals with a circling motion for the band to snap their instruments to their lips. This was also the signal to begin competition. The drum majors won second place at three competitions.

Selling fruit was not the only fund-raiser the band participated in. During the seafood festival, band members manned two booths. Junior Leah Snyder and sophomore Judd Compton work at the fish bowl booth where people threw balls into the bowls to win a fish.



**Flutes** Michelle Marshall, Wendi Evans, Leanne Phillips, Elizabeth Montalvo, Christine Meadors, Kelly Longstreet, Mandy Kern, Amanda Palmer, Jennifer Bookwalter, Aimee Utecht, Tara Kehoe, Sara Breed, Christine Toppig, Jason Price, Chris Fortier, Angela Taliaferro, Dana Montgomery



**Clarinets** Nicole Knudsen, Jennifer Freeman, Jessica Petrin, Courtney Judd, Jennifer Haczewski, Jamie Bundlie, Kim Garris, Daniel Wong, Charlie Juhl, Jessie Young, Craig Gallae, Joe Flannery, Laura Kukich, Becky David



**Saxophones** Amber Normandin, Allyson Smith, Tiffanie Petrin, Pat Piercefield, Danielle Kukich, Amanda Herring, Shari Gross, Preston Noe, Matt Britt, Mike DuBose, Rachel McGraw, Jamie Rogers, Chris Park, Mark Shelton, Cody Spencer, Casey Heck, Sam Cowles, Brad Ambrose, Erik Stinson, Dan McAdams



**Percussion** Mandi Kern, Meghan Steele, Matt Insley, Laura Asakura, JD Falls, Jennifer Staton, Britany Compton, Jeremy Miller, Chris Miller, Terri Parrish, Frank Beazlie, Marcus Jones, Marc McGarry, Judd Compton, Mike French, Wyn McPherson, Keith Stewart





**Thespians** Jennifer Freeman, Katie Nolan, Stephanie Cordell, Sarah Dewey, Laura Kukich, Amanda Robertson, Sarah Evans



**Drama Club** Karel Gonzalez, Katie Cox, Tara Starner, Jessica Jenks, Laura Asakura, Katie Nolan, Stephanie Cordell, Jennifer Freeman, Liz Render, Beth Gottschall, Greg Deaver, Melanie Buckley, Victoria Harper, Sarah Dewey, Tiffanie Petrin, Sarah Evans, Kristy Erzen, Tim Thomas, Maureen Santos, Chris Miller, Michael DuBose, Amanda Robertson, Lara Brown, Meredith Cassell, Darren Santos, Laura Kukich, James Ayers, Craig Gallaer, Joe Flannery, Brad Ambrose, Colin MacInnis, Jason Barnett, Chris Young



**Majorettes** Allyson Smith, Amber Watkins, Kim Garris, Danielle Backus, Brittany Compton



**Mixed Chorus** Lorri Singleton, Susan Hogge, Matt Insley, Kim Gearhart, Shelley Pennow, Niki Doernste, Ashleigh Schuller, Jeremy Rogers, Sam Cartee, Amanda Davis, Samedy Mang, Tina Goodson, Marni Luthie, Katie Forrest, Harold Rick, Shayne Zasmowich, Nicole Hicks, Bonnie Cannon, Renee Booth



**Makeup** was a necessary part of theatre. Opening night of the fall musical *Annie Get Your Gun* was hectic, trying to get all the actors in costume and makeup. Senior Jennifer Freeman highlights senior Beth Gottschall's eyes with eyeliner.

**Judges** complained when smiles could not be seen on stage, so Mrs. Dot Little made the Garnet and Gold group wear bright red lipstick to accentuate their lips. Before a performance, juniors Sarah Kreiger and Emily Shepherd fix their hair and makeup in front of the bathroom mirror.





# Stage Gives

The heat of the lights. The silence of the stage. The standing ovation. The thrill of the performance. Why else be a part of chorus or drama?

Chorus students worked to get their show perfected. "It takes a lot of dedication. We practice during class and after school. It pays off at the performances and competitions when everyone screams for you," said senior Beth Gottschall.

Many thought that being on stage assuming the role of a character was a natural high. "Being up on stage and the center of attention is like no other feeling in the world. It's amazing to hear the sound of applause after you have given your all for a show," said senior Katie Nolan.

Forensics was different from drama, but still had its advantages and limelight. Junior Amanda Robertson said, "You have a smaller audience, which you can actually see. You are being judged in a classroom acting alone, unless you are doing a duo, but even then you can't touch or look at the other person..

People backstage felt the excitement just as much as the actors on stage. "Even if I'm not on stage, I still get the satisfaction of doing a good job. To get the lights to the right place for the actors takes a lot of organization and time," said sophomore James Ayers.

Whether it was being judged or having a huge crowd, the excitement was always there. The electricity felt was not just the lights beating down on the stage or the juice running through the microphones. It was the performance that found the best in those that worked towards an unforgettable show.

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By Jennifer Freeman

"It pays off  
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-Beth Gottschall



Students got out of class for the winter holiday assembly to hear a sample of the chorus and band holiday music. The acappella choir crowds on stage in the forum to sing. Students went in rounds from the gym to the forum to hear both.



**Garnet and Gold** Sarah Kreiger, Emily Shepherd, Rachel Gilbert, Sunny Claussen, Michelle Harrell, Christine Solga, Beth Gottschall, Amy Richardson, Ryann Sawyer, Sara Burke, Kim Watkins, Sarah Dewey, Maura Garvey, Melissa Carter, Danielle Kukich, Laura Kukich, Gretchen Zohn, April Butler, Alison Johanson



**Soundation** Tara Starner, Liz Render, Kristy Ernzen, Stephanie Cordell, Jenny Stallings, Dawn Watkins, Suzanne Ayers, Marina Valdez, Lara Brown, Katie Martin, Ashley Lamberton, Christy Buchholz, Terri Parrish, Marie Powell, Laura Apelt, D.J. Rick, Jimmy Pierce, Devin Trippe, Phillip Pauls, Jeremy Ross, Jason Barnett, Clint Davis



**Acappella** Dawn Watkins, Kelly Roberts, Jenny Stallings, Tara Starner, Jenny Holloway, Heather Arms, Stephanie Cordell, Sandy Shandor, Suzanne Ayres, Nicole Morehouse, Ashley Lamberton, Christy Buchholz, Lara Brown, Amy Vest, Gair Perry, Kristy Ernzen, Kelly Insley, Liz Render, Taylor Morgan, Katie Morgan, Marina Valdez, Laura Apelt, Clint Davis, D.J. Rick, Jason Barnett, Brian Norris, Steven Gunther, Colin MacInnis, Eric Insley, Colleen Smith, Marie Powell, Danielle Nicely, Charlotte Teague, Jake Webb, Kevin Basnett, Mike Boerner, Stewart Brown, Phillip Pauls, Devin Trippe, Jimmy Pierce, Jeremy Ross, Terri Parrish



# Staffs Rush

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Have you ever had a project or homework due in three weeks and never touched it until the night before it was due? Did all the stress just come down on you when you thought it was never going to get finished? Well, for members of the yearbook and newspaper staff, this was a repeated ritual throughout the school year.

Between all the procrastination and deadlines, there was stress. Senior Melissa Messick said, "Deadlines are so stressful because usually everyone puts off all the work until the last minute. Then we have to do it in a week or two and that is stressful."

Although deadlines were stressful for students, sponsors had a worse kind of stress. "Mr. VanDervort really got stressful when deadlines were close and we still had nothing done after sitting around for three weeks," said junior Albert Bowden, who was on the newspaper staff.

For students who took yearbook and newspaper, it meant twice as many deadlines and twice as much stress. "Not too many students could handle it," senior Jimmy Brooks said. "Working on both the yearbook and newspaper, I sometimes had two deadlines at once. These situations were particularly demanding on my already busy schedule," said Jimmy.

While most of the student body did not take yearbook or newspaper, they experienced different types of deadlines somewhere along the line in their classes or on the job. For some, deadlines were not so bad, but for others who procrastinated, deadlines were malicious.

*By David Lopez*

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stressful."*

*-Melissa Messick*



**Yearbook** Rebecca Turbish, Rachel Forrest, Jennifer Freeman, Melissa Messick, Beth Ann Thomas, Hilary Johnson, David Lopez, Colleen Smith, Kelli Alger, Charlie French, Nicole Feldl, Jimmy Brooks, Dean Shannon, Eric Insley, Chuck Winstead, Nathan Howell, Russ Moldenhauer



**Newspaper** Katie Nolan, Jaclyn Smith, Wendy Sellers, Bob Goddin, Laura Schempf, Christina Dominguez, Sarah Evans, Amber Watkins, Phillips Booker, Christy Woody, Katie Edwards, Ben Goldman, Jimmy Brooks, Jason Bryant, Brian Sutton, Albert Bowden, J.M. Nobile



**Quill and Scroll** Jennifer Kahng, Sylvia Corneliussen, Amber Watkins, Dean Shannon, Ben Goldman, Jimmy Brooks



**Athletic Trainers** John Winstead, Kelli Forrest, Victoria Harper, Lorri Singleton, Jennifer Staton, Danielle Backus, Brian Klackle, Dana Montgomery, Lara Flanagan



During yearbook class, sophomore Rebecca Turbish asks senior Jennifer Freeman for instruction in their section. Part of Jennifer's job was making sure her section workers kept busy with writing copy, captions or cropping pictures.





During the last week of a deadline for journalism class, senior Jimmy Brooks lays out a new section of the newspaper, *Island Echo*, on the light table. Jimmy said, "On the newspaper staff, nothing gets done until the last week before the deadline. The entire paper seems to get thrown together at the last minute."

Looking at pictures of students on vacation, sophomore Nicole Feldt decides which pictures would be used in the student life section of the yearbook. Nicole said, "We had to take so many pictures that it is hard to choose which ones go in the yearbook since they are all good."



**Special Friends school day** Ginger Aldridge, Renee Hunt, Glenda Cox, Heather Gengnagel, Jennifer Haczewski, Lara Flanagan, Kathy Burrows, Amy Vest, Rachel Forrest, Sara Shaw, Danielle Nicely, Marina Valdez, Mandy Groseth, Stephanie Andres, Corrigan Threlkeld, Brian Sutton, Erick Zohn, Joey Harris, Brady Diggs, Troy Butler, Jeff Mitchell, David Connors, Chris Sherman



**Special Friends after school** Megan Steele, Michelle Marshall, Allyson Smith, Leanne Phillips, Tara Starner, Shazia Ismail, Rebecca Turbush, Kristy Ernzen, Heather Arms, Christina Dominguez, Valerie Sledd, Stacey Davenport, Christie Heimbruch, Sandy Shandor, Jennifer Haczewski, Emily Shepherd, Sarah Kreiger, Lauren Perdue, Corie Forrest, Suzi Thomas, Kathleen Kreiger, Katie Ogiba, Amanda Wynn, Erin Murphy, Katie Edwards, Sarah Meyer, Sara Johnson, Britany Compton, Gair Perry, Jennifer Brandt, Christy Stutt, Nina Richardson, Jenny Lippincott, Ashley West, Leron Kishoni, Rebecca Lawson, Beth Ann Thomas, Kim Garriss, Sarah Kinnan



**Announcement Team** Pedro Garcia, Amanda Robertson, James Ayers





**NHS** Renee Hunt, Katie Nolan, Laura Asakura, Chris Chung, Jennifer Kahng, Katie Cox, Ryan Hunter, Heather Gengnagel, Chris Sherman, Mary Roberts, Chuck Winstead, Peggy Gross, Danielle Nicely, Philo Juang, Ben Goldman, Hilary Johnson, Laura Schempf, Christina Silcox, Brian Sutton, Jeff Mitchell, Graham Alsbrooks, Russ Moldenhauer, Shelby Savage



**Varsity Academic Challenge** Beth Gottschall, Josh Boitnott, Billy Sincoskie, Ben Goldman, Philo Juang, Shelby Savage, Ryan Hall



**J.O. Academic Challenge** Charles Juhl, Judd Compton, Derek Juang, Chris Young, Matt Britt, Steven Tom, Matt Williams



**Debate** Curie Choi, Kalpana Visweswaren, Victoria Harper, Mina Tabibi, Amber Watkins, Andrew Shtulman, Gabrielle Davis, Nathan Howell, Brad Ambrose, Mrs. Gore



Before a competition against Kellam High School at the studio of WHRO, the varsity academic challenge team warmed up with the help of their coach, Mr. Tom Fay. The four main participants were seniors Philo Juang, Shelby Savage, Ben Goldman, and junior Ryan Hall.

The toothbrush machine was a project of the Odyssey of the Mind team. Freshman Keith Silcox and junior Andrew Shtulman look at the materials they had to use to build a toothbrush to use without hands. The finished product had a foot pedal to activate the toothbrush.





# Brains Help

Brain racking, fingers tapping, mind stumping, limit pushing action. It's tourney time.

Throughout the school year clubs participated in tournaments. The academic challenge team competed in several tournaments, in a somewhat *Jeopardy* like fashion against other schools. Senior Shelby Savage said, "The tournament in Charlottesville is very competitive. We have done well, but when one comes up against Thomas Jefferson where average students are disappointed not to be national merit finalists, then one gets intimidated."

The Odyssey of the Mind (OM) tournaments had a separate style of their own. Students on the team participated in problem-solving competition. There were different levels of competition in OM. The final level consisted of the best teams not only from the United States, but teams from around the world.

In contrast to the stress of tournaments, these competitions were a great way to get to know students from other schools or countries and make friends. Senior Josh Boitnott, a member of the OM team and a world competitor said, "It is a lot of fun and you meet some really interesting people. Really interesting."

In the Virginia Math League, students participated against those from other schools, but junior Ming Eng said, "VAML is not really a tournament contest. It is more of a personal challenge. It is fun to know your own limits."

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*By Charlie French*

*"The tournament in Charlottesville is very competitive."*

*-Shelby Savage*



Each month the International club celebrated a different country. Sophomore Brad Ambrose sips his tea during "high tea" in celebration of England. Others celebrating were senior Hilary Johnson and sophomore James Ayers.



**O.M.** Josie Russo, Brittany Compton, Keith Silcox, Curie Choi, Derek Juang, Ashley Brownley, John Winstead, Josh Boitnott, Andrew Shtulman, Amber Normandin, Mina Tabibi, Karen Feigh, Philo Juang, Christina Silcox, Ryan Vanheeswek, Judd Compton, Darren Santos, Graham Alsbrooks, Russ Moldenhauer, Shelby Savage, Gabrielle Davis



**Va. Math League** Sarah Dewey, Suzanne Ayres, Laura Asakura, Ming Eng, Kalpana Visweswaren, Philo Juang, Karen Feigh, Andrew Shtulman, Jennifer Kahng, Colin MacInnis, Amanda Robertson, Shelby Savage, Gabrielle Davis, Josh Boitnott



**Forensics OHSU** Courtney Judd, Liz Render, Sarah Dewey, Stephanie Cordell, Laura Apelt, Christina Silcox, Karen Feigh, Sarah Evans, Andrew Shtulman, Tim Mattson, Colin MacInnis, Chris Young, Craig Gallaer, Brad Ambrose, Chris Fortier, Gabrielle Davis



**Forensics** Katie Nolan, Victoria Harper, Sarah Dewey, Stephanie Cordell, Liz Render, Britney Compton, Carina Shtulman, Christina Silcox, Sarah Evans, Andrew Shtulman, Tim Mattson, Colin MacInnis, Karen Feigh, Chris Young, Laura Apelt, Amanda Robertson, Judd Compton, Craig Gallaer, Brad Ambrose, Chris Fortier, Gabrielle Davis



# Job Skills

## competitions prepare for future success

By Jennifer Freeman

*"I work at Playtime and watch little kiddies."*  
-Marie Powell

Money and an A plus in a class. Membership in a club with opportunities to compete with your skills and brains. Preparation for the future and experience in the job market. VICA provided all these services.

VICA, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, consumed a lot of its members time. Not only did they have a job, they competed and took tests to reinforce their skills. "I work at Playtime and watch little kiddies. I only work four hours a day, but it's really fun. We have evaluations of our job every quarter. Because I love my job, it makes it easier, so I get an "A+" every time," said senior Marie Powell.

At the VICA competition at Patrick Henry Mall, spelling competitions, demonstrations of jobs, auto mechanic skills, and knowledge bowl were just some of the competitions that students participated in. "Those who placed first go to state competition at Virginia Beach. I participated in the knowledge bowl and occupational scrapbook. I won first in the scrapbook, so I am going to state. While I am there I will be running for state VICA treasurer," said junior Valerie Moore, who did win the election.

The main goal of VICA was to teach students to survive in the job market. Junior Patrick Rollins said, "Mr. Kimsey helped me find the job that was appropriate for me. My job at Howell's upholstery will help me prepare for the future."

Through VICA, members gained self-confidence. Reinforcement of their job skills made them experts in their fields.



**FHA** Glenda Cox, Kristin Martin, Lindsay Keddell, Jaclyn Smith, Michelle Watkins, Stacey Sawicki, Amy Vest, Remle Diggs, Dawn Watkins, Leah Snyder, Sarah Meyer, Mike Newman, Paul Leykamm, Rob Quinn, Erick Zohn, Jeromie Houston, Nicki Vazquez



**FHA Underclass** Stacey Davenport, Shannon Firman, Joyce Yue, Miranda Wichelns, Angel Firth, Carrie Goff, Karen Forrest, Meghan Powell, Jennifer Moore, Nikki Folks, Jennifer Kennedy, Amanda Wynn, Valerie Brauer



**International Club** Joyce Yue, Kathleen Fowler, Suzanne Ayres, Carolyn Roncaglia, John Winstead, Ming Eng, Greg Deaver, Maureen Santos, Karina Shtulman, Chuck Winstead, Andrew Shtulman, Kalpana Visweswaren, Victoria Harper, Patrick Piercefield, Ashleigh Schuller, Hilary Johnson, Amanda Robertson, Karen Feigh, Steven Feigh, Christina Silcox, James Ayers, Judd Compton, Ashley West, Craig Gallaer, Colln MacInnis, Russ Moldenhauer, Gabrielle Davis, Ryan Hall, Chris Young



During the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America conference, seniors Brad Be, Dwight White, and Mandy Gregg were served. VICA was a program where students got out of school early to work.





To be part of VICA, members had to have a job. Junior Brian Perry, working at Poquoson Auto Repair, inspects various parts of the engine to figure out the problem with the car. Jobs not only served as a source of money, but also as a learning experience.

The district-wide VICA conference was held at the Chamberlin Hotel in Hampton. Junior Patrick Rollins, who was an officer, waits with another delegate to enter the dining room. Patrick said, "VICA is great. I get to meet people from other schools, go on trips, and do activities like bowling."



**VICA** Kelly Roberts, Valerie Moore, Amy Rector, Angelique Bargeman, Wesley Backus, Patrick Rollins, Brad Beals, Derek Sutherland



**FBLA** Jessica Harbour, Angie Houston, Melissa Guill, Jamie Douglas, Amanda Wynn, Michele Dalbey, Karen Basnett, Joelle Hogge, Amy Blankenship, Chad Shelton, Matt Harris, Mike Andriiliunas, Billy Prince, Christina St. Clair



By Dean Shannon

YOU walk into school  
and everybody in the halls  
looks exactly the same. They

**Get** are all *ALONG THE*  
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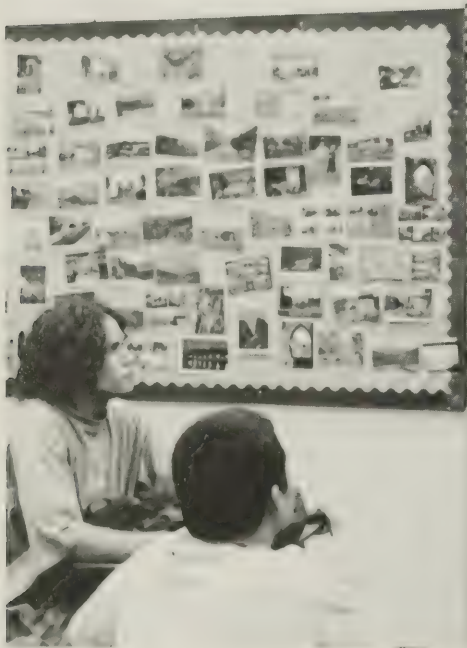
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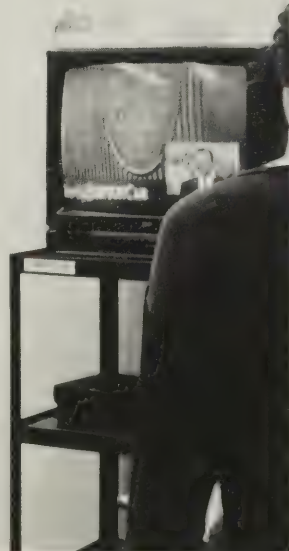
The lack of  
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to many different factors.  
There were fewer new  
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AWAITING the verdict for the  
“trial of the century,” senior Mark  
Racz watches for the final decision.  
Not only was the television on in  
Mrs. Karen Shepherd’s fifth hour  
class, but nearly every TV in the  
building was tuned in for the verdict.



increasingly large freshman  
class has been a pattern for  
the past decade.

In other school systems,  
students who attend the same  
middle school were bussed  
off to different high schools.







But in Poquoson, where students attend all four levels of school with the same people, it was not odd to be in the same English class with someone who was in a kindergarten class. Junior Jason Abbott said, "I like being in a small school where you know pretty much everybody."

In every student's strive to be individual and different, they all followed *ALONG THE SAME LINES*. Sophomore Josh Kovar said, "It's like all those bands that went out and tried to be different, now they're all labeled 'alternative' and all seem very similar."

STUDENTS and faculty frequented athletic events more often than other activities. Athletic Director Dave Nelson relaxes on the sideline of a football game against Nansemond River. Coach Nelson could be found on the sideline or leaning against the wall at nearly every sporting event.



# S *Smiling pretty*

P ORTRAITS DOCUMENT SENIOR YEAR

BY

Hilary Johnson

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traits. To spice things up he used some unconventional methods to make the seniors smile. "He asked me to kiss him," said senior Marcus Jones.

The portrait session included a formal picture and casuals. The formal picture, the one seen in the yearbook, followed tradition with the tuxedo or drape outfit. These costumes were clipped on over normal clothes. However, the girls' gown couldn't be worn over a normal shirt. "The photographer kept asking me to pull the drape down more. I was so embarrassed," said senior Laura Kukich.

For the casual picture, each senior got to choose what to wear. Senior Christina Silcox was running late so she ran home and picked up her clothes. "I discussed it with my friends before, but since I was in a hurry I just chose whatever was clean," said Christina.

Senior Jennifer Kahng was glad to have her portraits done. "I liked my senior portraits and am glad that I didn't have the same pose as the underclassmen," said Jennifer. "They were better and the pictures turned out nicer than last year's."

In addition to the tuxedo and drape portraits taken of seniors the previous summer, pictures of seniors in their caps and gowns were taken in the winter. Lifetouch, the company responsible for taking all school portraits, again set up their cameras, this time in the forum. All seniors were to report to the forum at their designated time to have their cap and gown pictures taken. Poses included those with a diploma in hand, as well as those in which the cap was held rather than worn. On his cap and gown photographs, senior Jeremy Ross said, "The photographer was a bit eccentric. He kept calling me goofy names like diploma boy, but he got me to smile." Off-the-wall names were nothing unusual to photographer Darrell Nelson. Other names included wild man, hoss, cutie angel, and darling.

Of course there were always a few seniors who didn't have their portraits taken. Senior Han Choi said, "I didn't have mine taken. They're too expensive and make you look like a geek."

Seniors wore their best clothes, smiled, and just had to sit them out, but they had something so that they, as well as friends and family, could remember their final year of school.

*Move your shoulder to the right. Good. Turn your head toward me, a little more. Perfect! Now say "Merry Christmas." Click!*

Say what? The photographer's job was to take the most flattering senior por-

**VIRGINIA ANN ALDRIDGE**  
Special Friends 12 Class Treasurer 9 Class  
V.P. 10 Class President 11 SCA Rep. 12  
Cheerleading 9,10,11, Captain 12

**KELLI RENEE ALGER**  
Cheerleading 9,10,11, Captain 12 FCA12  
Yearbook 12 Science Club 9

**JOHN GRAHAM ALSBROOKS**  
NHS 11,12 OM 12

**STEPHANIE RENEE ANDRES**  
Basketball 9,10,12 Softball 9,10,11,12  
FHA 9

**LAURA ANN APELT**  
Jazz Choir 9,10,11,12 Swing Choir  
10,11,12 Thespians 10,11,V.P. 12 District  
Chorus 9,10,11,12

**LAURA MOMOKO ASAKURA**  
SADD 9,10 President 11,12 Band  
9,10,11,12 Tennis 9,10,11,12 Field  
Hockey 10,11,12 Homecoming Rep. 11

**CHARLES WESLEY BACKUS**  
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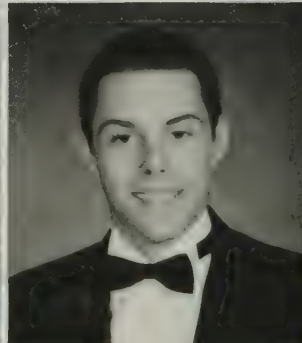
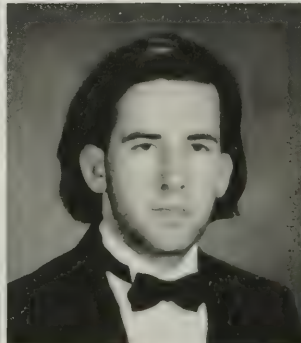
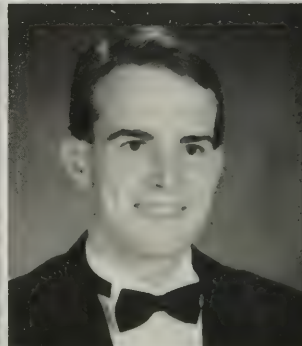
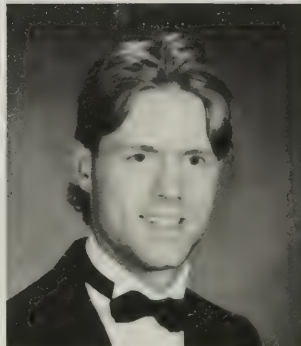
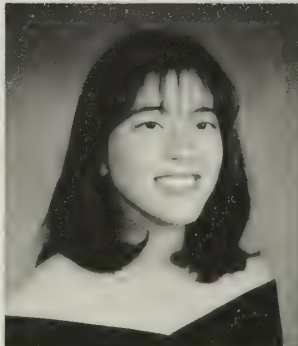
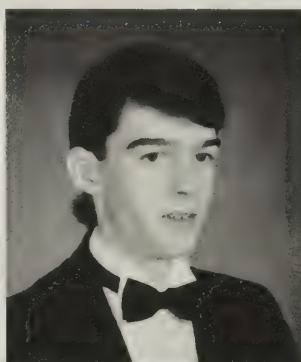
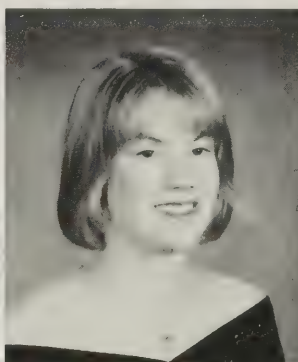
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**BRADLEY DAVID BEALS**  
Special Friends 11,12 Football 11 VICA 12

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Soccer 9,10,11,12 Varsity Club 12 Band  
9,10

**JOSHUA FORREST BOITNOTT**  
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**ROBERT A. BOLDEN**  
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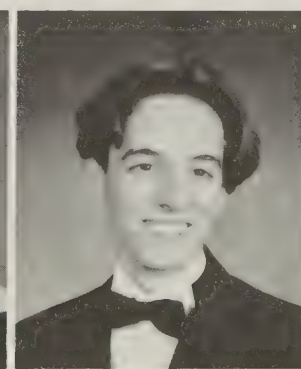
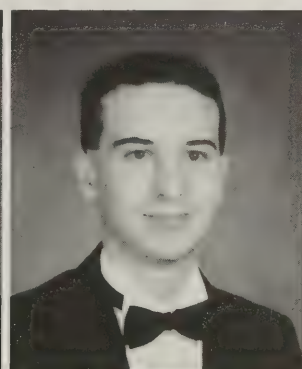
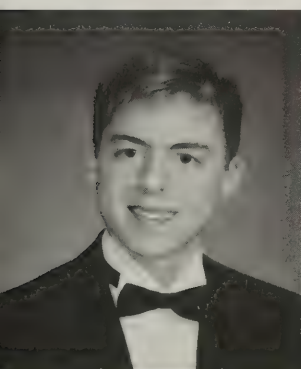


## WITH A FEW LAST-MINUTE

adjustments, senior Misty Smith sets up to have her senior portrait taken by Lifetouch photographer Kevin Brown. She took her portrait in November in the high school forum. Lifetouch came to the school on three separate occasions to accommodate the entire senior class.

## IN THE FALL, SENIOR PORTRAIT

retakes were offered in the high school auditorium. Checking the alignment of his lapel, senior Geoff Gatz prepares to have his portrait taken. Geoff said, "I had to take pictures over because I missed them the first time. I had to work that day."



### **MARK ALAN BRADLEY**

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### **JAMES RICHARD BROOKS**

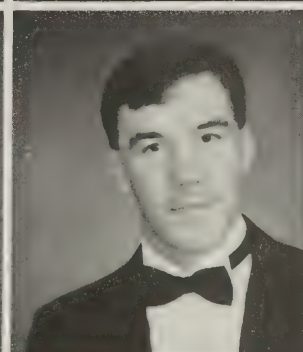
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### **ANGELA MARIE BROWN**

VICA 11,12

### **STEWART DUNCAN BROWN**

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### **STORMY NICOLE BROWN**

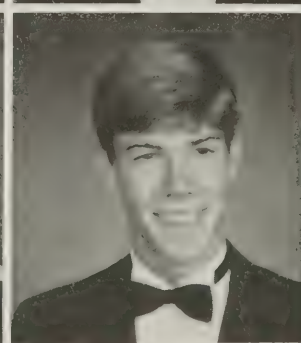
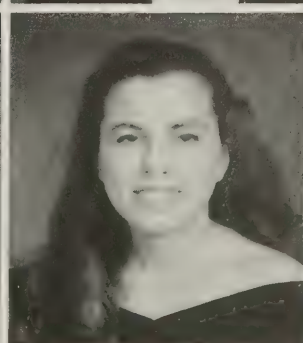
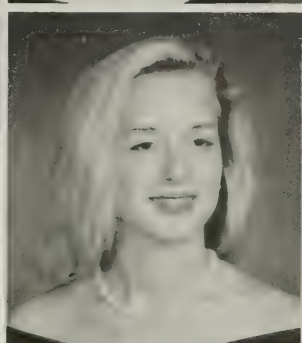
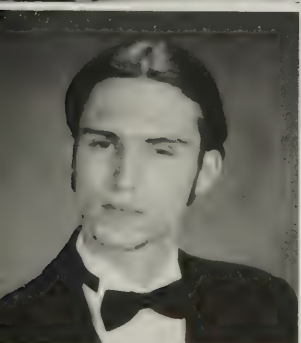
### **CHRISTINA M. BUCHHOLZ**

Soundation 11,12

### **SEAN EDWARD BUCKLEY**

Who's Who? 12

### **BRIAN SCOTT BUMGARDNER**



### **JOSEPH ROBERT BUNTING**

VICA 12 Materials Processing 9,10,11,12

### **SARAH AYN BURKE**

Swimming 9,10,11,12 Cross Country 10,12 Garnet and Gold 10,11,12

### **KATHRYN RENEE BURROWS**

Key Club 9,10,11,12 Who's Who? 11,12 Literary Magazine 10 Special Friends 12

### **TROY MACMILLAN BUTLER**

Soccer 9,10,11,12 Key Club 9,11,12 Who's Who? 11,12 Varsity Club 11,12



## PARADING THROUGH THE

gym on toga day, seniors Cami Williams and Julie Hunter shake their homemade noisemakers to express their class enthusiasm. "We all stayed up late at my house the night before and got hyped up for the pep rally," said Julie.

## THE HOMECOMING PEP RALLY

began when the senior class paraded around the gym dressed in the traditional togas and carrying noisemakers. Seniors Laura Asakura, Tiffanie Petrin and Laura Schempf carry the senior class banner. Following tradition, the senior class won the spirit stick for showing the most school spirit.



### BRANDEE RENE CARRICO

Drama 9 Literary Magazine 11 VICA 12

### MATTHEW MORRIS CAUSEY

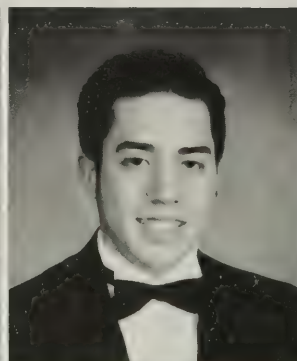
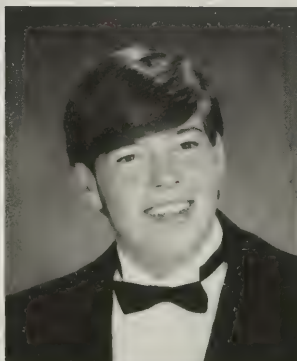
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### CHRISTOPHER M. CHUNG

NHS 12 Swimming 12 Academic Team 12

### KEVIN MICHAEL COCKRELL

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### NICHOLAS A. COLLETT

Chorus 9,10 Guidance Aide 12

### DAVID TODD CONNORS

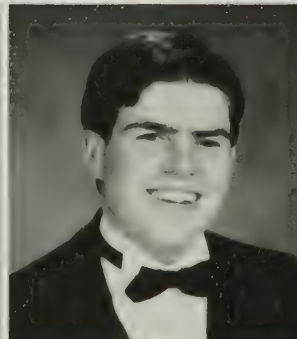
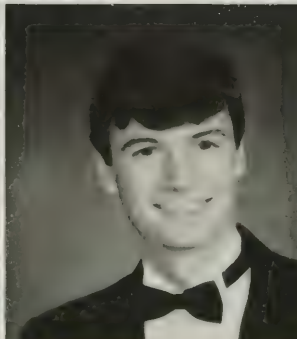
Basketball 10,11,12 Varsity Club 10,11,12  
Key Club 9,12 Golf 9 Happy Club 12

### NICHOLAS JOHN COSTELLO IV

VICA 12 TSA 10,11

### GLENDAMARIE COX

Chorus 9,10 Soundsation 11 FHA 12  
Special Friends 11,12 Softball 9







**ENTERING THE GYM FOR THE** Homecoming pep rally, senior Nick Laca sports his newly-fashioned toga. Nick said, "At first, I thought wearing a sheet to school was a pretty stupid idea, but it turned out to be very fun. I had a great time that day."

**THE CHOOSING OF THE** Homecoming king was a long-held tradition on toga day. Seniors Chris Sherman, Steven Palmer, Tim Murphy, and Joey Harris stand in the middle of the gym during the pep rally waiting to see who is next to get eliminated from the running.



# Wearing Roman

## DECORATED SHEETS KEEP TRADITION

BY  
David Lopez

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toga.

"Toga day is the best tradition we have here. Everyone looks forward to it," said senior Ryan Richter. Ryan was not the only one excited about toga day. Senior Katie Cox said, "My friends and I had a great time making and decorating our togas. Everyone was excited at school on Friday with their togas on."

Toga day was started in the seventies. Although it is still going on, this ritual on Homecoming could easily die out. Some seniors did not think so.

Senior Heather Gengnagel said, "I don't think toga day will ever end because it is one of the things you look forward to when you start high school."

Senior Renee Hunt agreed. She said, "I doubt it will die out because it is a great tradition and everyone has fun making and wearing their togas."

Every senior had a favorite aspect of the whole toga experience. "My favorite part about toga day was either staying up the night before painting my toga or painting everyone's faces the next day," said senior Glenda Cox.

Senior Bill Hammack said, "The best part is rolling the cheerleaders' houses the night before."

Although the traditional colors were maroon and gold, seniors had some styles of their own. "I tie-dyed mine all different colors instead of the regular maroon and gold. It was pretty crazy," said senior Sara Shaw.

Toga day was not everything it was heralded to be to all seniors. Senior Stuart Sutton said, "I was insecure about how scrawny I would look without a shirt on so I didn't wear a toga."

Things didn't go as well as senior Joey Harris would have liked either. "I would have liked to have worn a toga but I had to wear my football jersey instead," said Joey.

Junior Chuck Winstead said, "Being a junior, and this being my first year in Poquoson, I had no clue what was going on. I thought everyone was crazy."

**It's seven in the morning** and you're still half asleep but you jump out of bed excited. You rip the sheet from the bed and crazily wrap it around yourself. This is the first and maybe only day that you will ever wear a



## SENIORITIS DIDN'T AFFECT ALL

of the senior class. During Mrs. Bonnie Fay's advanced English class, senior Jacob Gaul lies back against the wall and takes a break from taking notes. Although Jake was one of the many seniors who did show symptoms of senioritis, senior Kristian Lindberg had too many things to worry about and took the free time to review the notes he took.

## DOZING OFF IN CLASS WAS A

definite symptom of senioritis. Seniors Bob Goddin and Brian Sutton take a nap in Mr. Mark VanDervort's 5th hour Journalism II/III class while the remainder of the staff meets a deadline.



### KATIE FELTON COX

Field Hockey 10,11, Captain 12 Key Club  
10,11, Secretary 12 Tennis 9,10,11 SADD

10,11, Secretary 12 Who's Who? 11,12

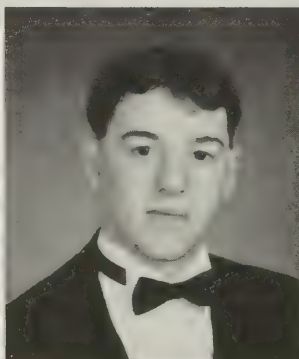
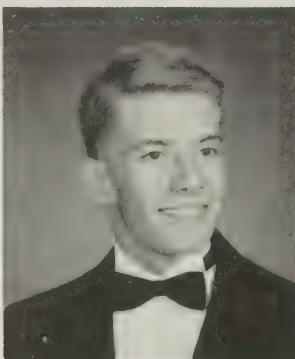
### NICHOLAS GRANT CREASMAN

Track 9,10, Captain 11,12 Cross Country  
10, Captain 11,12 Who's who? 12

### LUCAS STURGIS CUTLER

### ALLISON MARIE DEXTER

Field Hockey 10,11 SCARE 10,11,12  
Thespians 11,12 Drama Club 9,10,11,12  
Forensics 10,11,12



### BRADY EDWARDS DIGGS

Basketball 10, Captain 11,12 Baseball  
11,12 Football 12 Varsity Club 11,  
President 12 Key Club 11,12

### MICHELLE LYNN DIGGS

FHA 10,11 FBLA 11

### JAMIE LYNN DOUGLAS

Softball 10,11,12 FBLA 12 Special Friends  
9,10 Band 9,10,11

### MICHELLE LYNN EVANS

SADD 11



### SARAH ELIZABETH EVANS

Fennis 10,11,12 Drama Club 9,10,11,  
Historian 12 Newspaper 12 Forensics  
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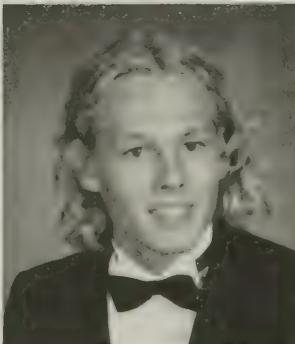
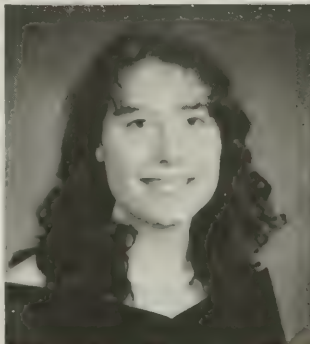
### KEVIN MICHAEL FINUCAN

Baseball 10,11,12 Basketball 10,11 VICA  
12

### TIFFANY BETH FIRTH

### LARA RENEE FLANAGAN

Track 11,12 Basketball 11 Cross Country  
12 FCA 12 Student Athletic Trainer 12





**"Senioritis does not effect**  
me. I take my grades too seri-  
ously for me to... Oh, I don't feel  
like finishing this."

Jennifer Kahng said this when  
she explained her views on  
senioritis.

Laurie Johnson did not think  
the entire class got senioritis. She said, "There are those who only feel good about themselves through  
school work."

School work was effected in a different way. Kristy Wright said, "Senioritis is the realization that  
school is almost over for good. I think students don't consider college as school, but rather a higher  
level of education. They feel like adults about to enter the world."

Brian Topping gave a reason for seniors to get senioritis. He said, "We get senioritis because it is our  
last year in high school and we are ready to get out and go away from home."

Sometimes you got senioritis, and sometimes you didn't. Some days it just hit you. Brady Diggs  
said, "We have been going to school for 13 years, and it is starting to get a little old."

Not all students cared about their senior year. All they cared about was passing enough classes to  
graduate and get admitted to college. "Everything after first semester doesn't count toward your  
college acceptance anyway; so people don't care any more. As long as I pass and don't fail too badly,  
I'll be fine," said Philo Juang.

Instead of spending their time studying, seniors occupied their time by discussing beach week and  
graduation, sleeping, going to the beach, and counting down the days of school left. Sara Burke said,  
"I think senioritis improves your social life because you have more free time."

Senior Troy Butler's conception of a senior slump was a bit different. Troy said, "I don't have  
senioritis, but I still don't do any work."

Senior Alex Glushko said, "I have been suffering from symptoms of senioritis since my sophomore  
year, but now I think it's full blown."

"Ever since I was accepted to college, my enthusiasm has been almost nil, but I don't see much  
difference in what I am doing in school," said senior Han Choi.

Lack of motivation seemed to be the main cause of senioritis. Seniors no longer seemed concerned  
with grades. The main goal was to get to graduation and just get a diploma.

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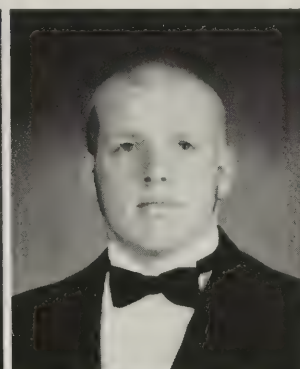
**BY**  
*Kelli Alger*

**"I DON'T  
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**RACHEL ANNE FORREST**

Homecoming Rep. 9 Key Club 9,10,11  
Yearbook 12



**ROBERT ANDREW FORREST**

**KANDICE LYNN FOWLER**

Field Hockey 9,10,11,12 Key Club 12  
Band 9,10,11,12 Track 11 Soccer 12



**JENNIFER LYNN FREEMAN**

Band 9,10,11,12 Thespians 10,11,12  
Drama 9,10,11,12 Who's Who? 11,12  
Drum Major 12



**CHARLES STEPHAN FRENCH**

Inner Club Council President 12 SCA 9,10  
Treasurer 11, V.P. 12 Regional Rep. 12



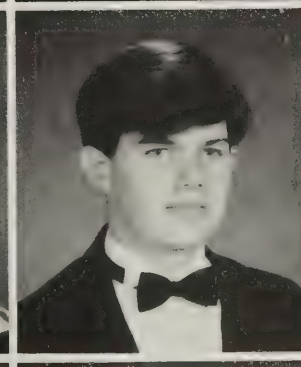
**SUSAN LEIGH GARRISS**

ICT 11,12 Mixed Chorus 9 Acappella  
Choir 10 FHA 9,10



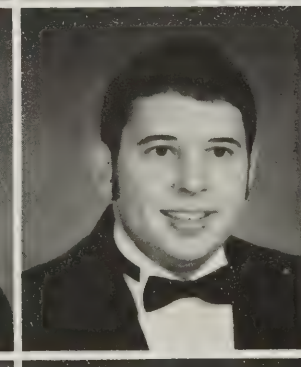
**GEOFFREY DAVID GATZ**

Tennis 10,11,12 Key Club 12



**JACOB BARRET GAUL**

Football 9,10,11,12 Track 9,10 Varsity  
Club 12



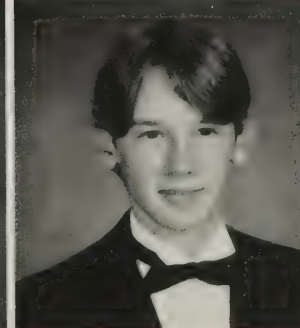
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NHS 11,12 Key Club 10,11,12 Field  
Hockey 9,10,11



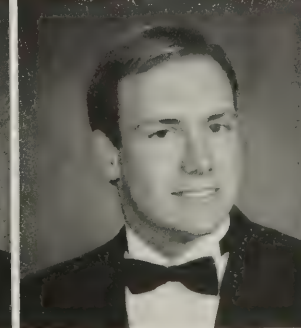
**PETER ALEXANDER GLUSHKO**

Soccer 9,10,11,12 Golf 11,12 Key Club  
9,11 Excel Club 10



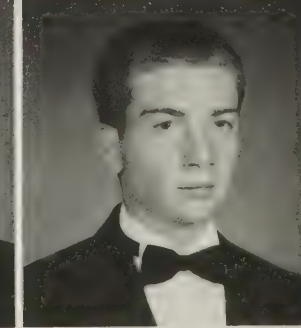
**ROBERT ELLIS GODDIN**

Golf 9,10,11, Captain 12 Key Club 11,12  
Newspaper 9,11,12



**BENJAMIN JOEL GOLDMAN**

NHS 11,12 Tennis 9,11,12 Who's Who?  
11,12 Newspaper 12 Key Club 9,11,12





**BETHANY G. GOTTSCHALL**

**AMANDA RENEE GREGG**

Co-Op 12 New Horizons 11,12 SADD 9

**MANDY LEA GROSETH**

Class President 9,10 SCA11, Secretary 12  
Volleyball 9,10,11,12 Cheerleading  
10,11,12 Happy Club Treasurer 11,  
President 12

**PEGGY MARIE GROSS**

Cross Country 12 Volleyball 12 Band 12

**MELISSA ANN GUILL**

Chorus 9 Band 9,10,11 Special Friends 10  
FBLA 12

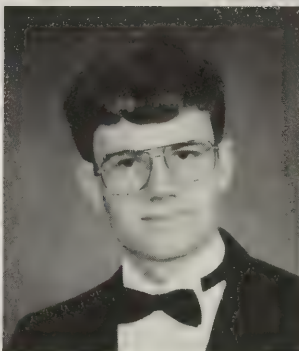
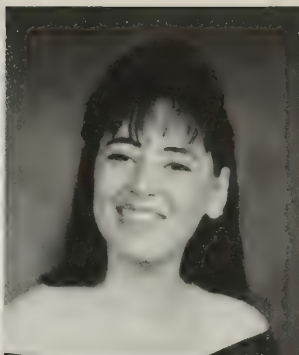
**STEVEN MATTHEW GUNTHER**

SCA 9 FCS 11 Drama Club 12 Acappella  
Choir 12

**WILLIAM KENNEY HAMMACK**

Football 9,10,11,12 Wrestling 10,11,12  
Soccer 9,10 Tennis 11,12

**JAMES MICHAEL HANCHEY**



## LINES TO PURCHASE SCHOOL

lunches formed quickly, wrapping all the way around the serving area and out into the commons. To avoid the long wait, over-populated lines, and cold food, seniors were released 2 minutes early to lunch. During A lunch, senior Devin Trippe buys pizza from Mrs. Myrna Champ.

## ENTERING HIS CAR, SENIOR

Stuart Sutton prepares to head home after a long day of school. Having a designated parking spot in the lot was a privilege that was reserved first for all seniors. Stuart said, "I love having the privilege of parking in the school lot. When I wake up in the morning I feel happy because I get to park in my own spot. It makes me want to go to school. That's how much I like it."







## NOT A SCHOOL RELATED

privilege, but certainly one taken advantage of by members of the senior class, was the right to vote. In the foyer, senior Jeremy Perry exercises his twenty-sixth amendment right as he registers to vote in the elections for the state legislature.

## PARKING IN THE SCHOOL

parking lot was probably the privilege allotted to seniors that was most valued. After school, senior Katie Nolan gets into her car. "I waited for four years to finally park in the parking lot. It is one of the only senior privileges I have left," said Katie.



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### P RIVILEGES REWARD 4TH YEAR STUDENTS

BY

*Jimmy Brooks*

"ON TACO  
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school, certain rights and privileges were allotted to the senior class. Viewpoints to these entitlements varied from the grateful to the unappreciative.

One of the privileges given to the senior class was the permission to park in the parking lot directly adjacent to the school. This privilege cut the time it took to travel to school, thus providing a few moments of extra time in the morning to either prepare for the day ahead or to catch up on sleep. Another advantage of parking in the school parking lot was that it made walking from the library and pool obsolete. This became extremely important on rainy days. Senior Sarah Evans said, "It is really convenient to be able to park in the parking lot instead of trudging across the field or through the woods. I enjoy being able to walk around school on rainy days and not have mud dropping off my shoes."

Another privilege given to seniors was permission to leave the class directly preceding lunch two minutes early. This allowed those seniors buying lunch at school to get in line ahead of the underclassmen. This also helped to ensure seniors of getting food before the cafeteria's supply became expended, a not too rare occurrence. Also, the two minute allowance provided the additional time necessary to consume lunch without being in a hurry. Senior Brian Sutton said, "On taco day, I can be first in line and have plenty of time to eat my food."

"What privileges?! We don't have any privileges," said senior Jake Gaul.

Senior privileges often went unnoticed. To some, senior privileges seemed trivial and insufficient. Their reasoning was based on privileges seniors possessed in previous years. A senior favorite, the senior skits, were deemed inappropriate in 1994 and were outlawed by the administration. Their replacement was a senior slide show. Senior Erick Zohn said, "The slide show is nice, but the skits would be much better."

Whether taken advantage of gratefully or dismissed as being inconsequential, a few senior privileges did exist, although not as many as seniors would have liked.

*For three long years, you*

have seen them being enjoyed by others. Being without, you desired them, coveted even. As an underclassman, they seemed so unattainable. Now you have them.

As is customary in high



## ON SENIOR HILARY

Johnson's 18th birthday celebration, she passes a piece of cake, made by one of her classmates, to senior Nathan Howell. "We had a tradition in yearbook class to celebrate everyone's birthday during class with cake and soft drinks," said Hilary, "but the best part about turning 18 was that I could finally get my driver's license."

## CLASSROOM BIRTHDAY

celebrations, reminiscent of those in third grade, made a comeback in senior David Lopez's sixth hour class, where birthday parties were held for every member of the class. On his 18th birthday, David attempts to engulf just over half of the cake in one bite. David said, "I was hungry."



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## oming of age

### BIRTHDAYS SIGNIFY ADULTHOOD

BY

Nathan Howell

"I AM  
GLAD I'M  
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VORITE  
ESTAB-  
LISH-  
MENTS."

said, "When you turn 18, you are considered an adult. You are responsible for your actions, and you should be treated like an adult. You can also buy lottery tickets, vote in elections, and legally buy items you couldn't previously buy."

Along with additional purchasing privileges, senior Amanda Gregg enjoyed being able to do almost anything she wanted to. Amanda said, "I basically do what I want to as long as my parents know who I am with."

Jeromie Houston also enjoyed the unrestrained mobility of being 18. Jeromie said, "The most important thing about being 18 is freedom. When I turn 18, I don't have to tell my parents what I am doing or where I am going."

The ideas of complete freedom were mythical to senior Han Choi. "Most people think you get to do anything you want, but you don't really."

Though he will not turn 18 until almost his sophomore year in college, senior Dean Shannon had no problems buying anything or getting in anywhere. Dean said, "The jungle under my shirt was enough ID for most bouncers and convenience store cashiers." Dean was blessed with an overabundance of hair on his entire body, allowing him to slip by.

When asked what he went out and did different after turning 18, senior Brian Sutton said, "I am so glad that I am 18, that way I can frequent my favorite establishment, the False Alarm lounge in North Carolina."

On her being 18, senior Lara Flanagan said, "I plan to go clubbing, but I have not yet gotten the chance to."

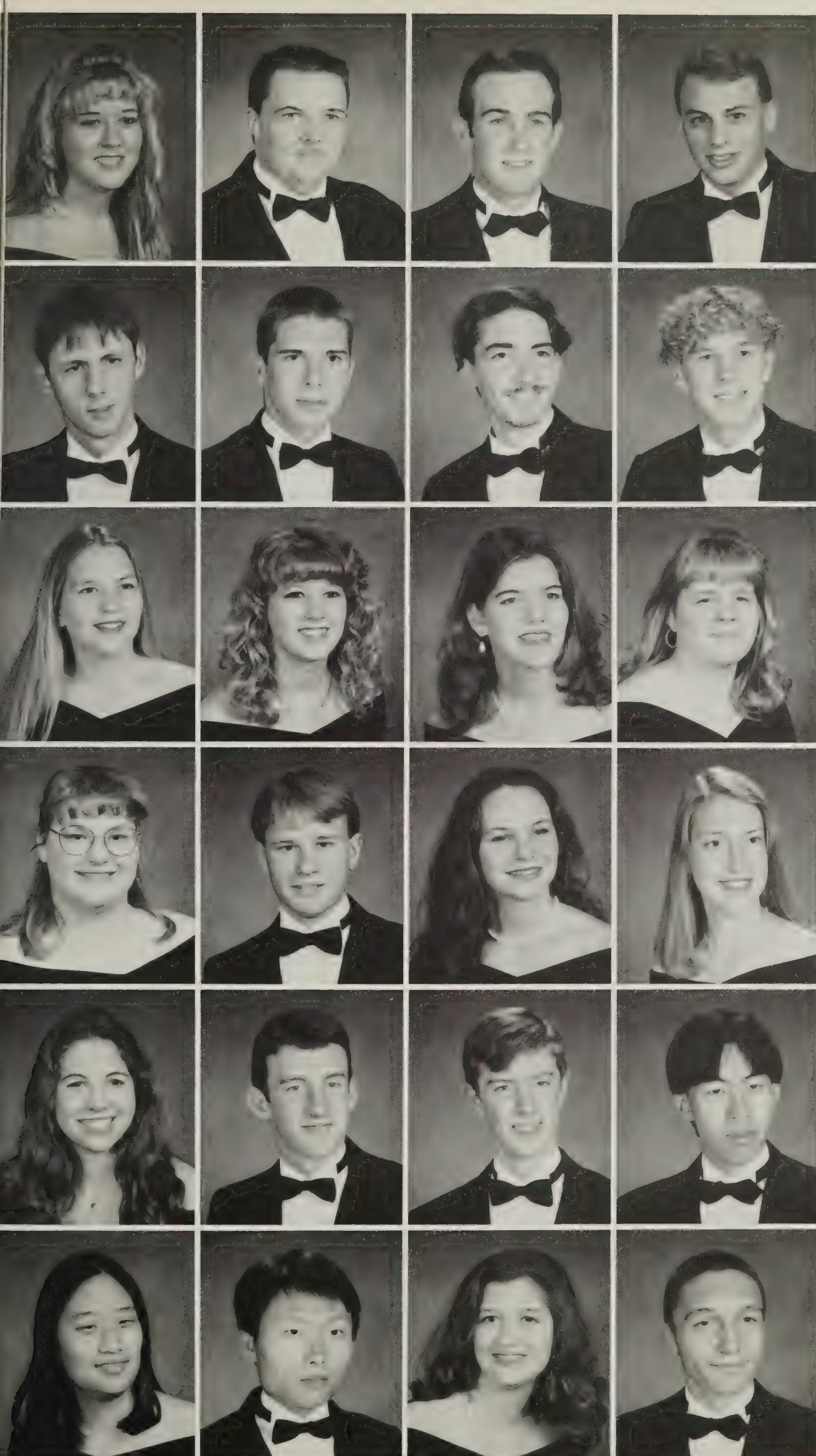
This was real life for most seniors. There were burdens to being 18 years of age. Senior Brandee Carrico said, "People expect more from you. You also have to worry about being arrested and going to jail."

Despite the negative aspects, everyone seemed to be pleased with being 18 years old.

**Turning 18 meant free-**dom, no more curfew, being of legal age, and not having to answer for everything. Being 18 and a senior presented a dangerous combination.

Seniors felt that being 18 was an advantage. Senior Geoff Gatz





**SHANON RENEE HANSON**

Field Hockey 9,10,11,12

**CHARLES MATTHEW HARRIS**

Football 10,11,12 FBLA 9,10,11, V.P. 12  
FHA 10

**JOSEPH MICHAEL HARRIS**

Baseball 9,10,11,12 Basketball 10,11,12  
Football 12 Varsity Club 10,11,12 Who's  
Who? 11

**MARSHALL A. HARRISON**

**RICHARD LEWIS HELLMAN**

Golf 10,11,12 Key Club 12

**JEROMIE ROWE HOUSTON**

Football 9,10,11,12 Happy Club 12  
Varsity Club 12

**CHARLES JOSEPH HOWLETT**

**WILLIAM BRIAN HUMPHRIES**

Basketball 12 ICT 12

**JENNIFER RENEE HUNT**

SCA 9,10,11,12 Key Club 10,11 FBLA 11  
NHS 11,12 Homecoming Court 12

**JULIE CHRISTINE HUNTER**

New Horizons 12 FHA 12

**LESLIE ANN INGE**

Softball 9,10,11,12 Who's Who? 11  
Basketball 9,10,12 SCA 11

**AMY CHRISTINE INSLEY**

FHA 9,10 Chorus 9,10,11

**APRIL LYNN INSLEY**

SADD 10, Secretary 11,12 Field Hockey  
9,10 Band 9,10,11

**WILLIAM ERIC INSLEY**

Acappella Choir 10,11,12 Jazz Choir 10  
Yearbook 12

**ALISON CARLIE JOHANSON**

Field Hockey 9,10,11, Captain 12  
Cheerleading 12 Key Club 11,12

**HILARY CHANDLAR JOHNSON**

Track 9,12 Volleyball 12 NHS 12 Cross  
Country 9,12 Model UN 9

**LAURIE BETH JOHNSON**

Cross Country 11 Volleyball 10,11

**MARCUS EVAN JONES**

Band 9,10,11,12 Class President 12  
Basketball 9,10,11,12 Baseball 10,11,12

**TIMOTHY DAVID JONES**

FHA 12 Who's Who? 12

**PHILO JUANG**

Academic Challenge 9,10,11,12 NHS 11,12  
OM 11,12

**JENNIFER NAH-YUN KAHNG**

SADD 9,10, Historian 11,12 NHS 11,  
Historian 12 Who's Who? 11,12 Literary  
Magazine 10,11 Tennis 10,11

**SONG KUN KIM**

**LAURA NICOLE KUKICH**

Band 9,10,11,12 Track 9,10,11,12 SADD  
10,11,12 Drama Club 10 Thespians 11,12

**NIKOLA LACA**

Tennis 12



## BOOK REPORTS WERE DONE

monthly in Mrs. Bonnie Fay's AP English classes. Senior Josh Boitnott presents his book, *1984*, to the class in the style of Russel Baker on Masterpiece Theatre. Josh said, "Mrs. Fay's book reports are different than any other I've ever done before." Book report projects included making a *TV Guide* and defending a character in a book in a mock trial.

## PROJECTS IN ADVANCED

placement classes served as supplemental learning activities to the standardized curriculum. In Mrs. Carol Zak's AP Government classes, a journalists' roundtable was held in the fall to discuss the effect the media had on governmental affairs. Seniors Jeff Mitchell and Ben Goldman discuss the local aspect of their project.



### JOHANNA LEMMONS

New Horizons 11,12 Track 10, VICA 11,12  
Color Guard 9,10,11

### RYAN AMERSON LEWIS

New Horizons 11,12

### PAUL JOHN LEYKAMM

### ROLAND F. LIGART

Tennis 9



### KRISTIAN MICHAEL LINDBERG

Basketball 9,10,11

### DAVID SANDOVAL LOPEZ

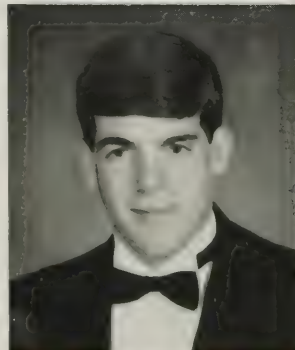
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12

### APRIL DAWN MANN

Co-op 11,12 FBLA 11 Acappella Choir 12  
Mixed Chorus 9,10

### JEFFREY CLARK MAST

Band 9,10,11,12 Jazz Band 11,12

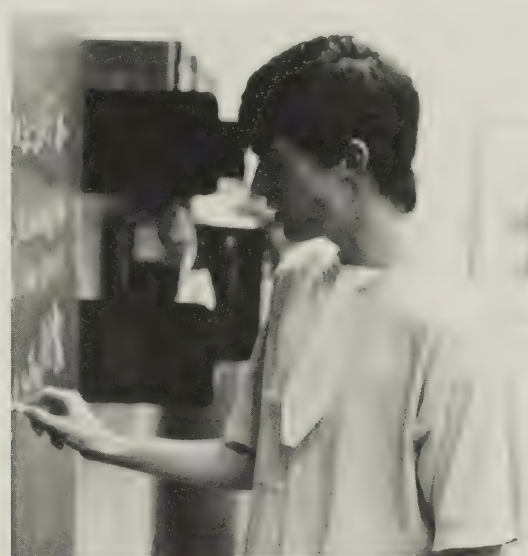






IN MRS. CAROL ZAK'S 5TH hour AP Government class, senior Tiffanie Petrin gives the class her presentation. Her presentation was on the effects of the Americans with Disabilities Act on society as a whole. "After studying the act further, I was more open to its positive aspects," said Tiffanie.

WHILE GIVING HIS presentation in his AP Government class, senior Graham Alsbrooks puts notes up on the chalkboard. Graham forgot to look professional by wearing a dress shirt and tie, so he fashioned his own from notebook paper minutes before he was up.



# E

## xpanding minds

### HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES RECEIVE COLLEGE CREDIT

BY  
Jimmy Brooks

"AP  
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lum. The format of these classes differed from those of the others. The classes were taught at a college level and at an escalated pace. Despite the more rigorous demands, AP classes put no academic strain on senior Philo Juang. He said, "They're really not all that different, just a bit more difficult and a bit faster."

Senior Tim Jones said, "There is a lot more homework and essays involved than in my other classes."

There was a wide variety of advanced placement classes offered. These classes included American History, U.S. Government, English 11 and 12, Calculus, and foreign languages. The fourth year of a foreign language class was taught at an AP level. Students with genuine interests in their respective language were encouraged to sign up. Senior Josh Boitnott, an AP Spanish student, said, "The class is conducted almost completely in Spanish."

On her AP English 12 class, senior April Insley said, "It's hard to keep up with all the reading, but if you do then the class isn't that hard."

"You have to put effort into every assignment. Some of the work takes a lot of time and you might not have time for other classes' assignments. You learn important reading skills, though," said senior Kristy Wright on the same AP English class.

On his first hour AP Calculus class, senior Pete Nadolny said, "The classwork is really heavy. At times it is hard to understand, too. You just have to relax, concentrate on your work, and crank up the AC/DC when you do your homework to get things done."

There were several advantages to taking advanced placement classes. Aside from being weighted one grade point higher, other benefits became evident. Senior Christine Solga said, "AP classes definitely motivate you to work harder."

"They look impressive on college applications," said senior Mary Roberts.

Advanced placements classes also had their setbacks. Senior Laura Schempf captured the overall grief toward AP classes when she said, "They are a lot of work."

**Get free college credit while** enjoying all the advantages of high school. This is how an ad for advanced placement classes would have read.

Several advanced placement, AP for short, classes were offered within the high school curricu-



# Lounging around

## BUSY SENIORS CHERISH FREE TIME

"These are the afternoon announcements....." Ring! School doors open and students pour outside. If they do not have too much homework and head straight home to study, where are they going? What are they going to do?

BY  
Chuck Winstead

"I LIKE TO  
FISH ON  
SATURDAY  
MORN-  
INGS FOR  
LARGE  
MOUTH  
BASS."

One looked to the senior class for examples of the most interesting, available, and diversified free time activities. Seniors were special. After all, they had had four years of practice in the art of making the most of their free time. They worked their way to the top of the student food chain. Just being a member of the senior class was testimony to their ability to get along with others and to have made the most of all situations.

They did a variety of activities with their free time. Senior Lara Flanagan, for instance, chose to sleep. Lara said, "Sometimes after practice, I just need a quick nap."

Seniors chose to leave the life of the city for a brief period of time. There really was not that much to do in the city of Poquoson. Senior Wyn McPherson said, "I like to fish on Saturday mornings at Beaver Creek Park for large mouth bass."

A quiet time alone was the answer for some seniors, but others wanted to burn up some energy. Senior Nick Laca said, "I like to play tennis with my friends because it's good practice for tournaments. It also keeps me in shape for the ladies."

Senior Chris Chung was a member of the swim team. Chris said, "When I am not studying for Calculus class, I hit the Fort Eustis swimming pool with my swim teammates to train for upcoming meets."

The senior year was often a hectic one. Time for leisure did not come often for many busy seniors. Senior Allison Dexter kept busy going to the governor's school for the gifted and having a mentorship afterward. Allison said, "Free time?! What do you mean free time?! I do not have any free time whatsoever!"

Needing a more structured environment to enjoy his extra time, senior Han Choi said, "I like to exercise at a fitness gym."

After four years of experience, seniors had surely mastered the skill of getting the most out of their free time.

### DAVID MICHAEL MCGARRY

Band 9,10,11,12 Academic Team 10,11  
Cross Country 12 Track 12 SCA 12

### WYNDHAM E. MCPHERSON

CHANDLER RYAN McQUOID  
Varsity Club 10 Key Club 9

### MELISSA ANN MESSICK

Field Hockey 10,11,12 SADD 10,11  
Tennis 9,10,11 Yearbook 11,12 Varsity  
Club 12

### JOSEPH ALAN METCALF

Track 9,10 VICA 11,12

### JEREMY RICCI MILLER

Band 9,10,11,12 Jazz Band 9,10,11,12  
Drumline Captain 12

### JASON ALAN MINER

New Horizons 11,12 FHA 9

### JEFFREY SCOTT MITCHELL

Class V.P. 12 Basketball 9,10,11,12 Who's  
Who? 11,12 Key Club 9,10,11,12 SCA  
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### RUSSEL ALAN MOLDENHAUER

Swimming 11,12 Cross Country 12  
Yearbook 12 OM 12 Band 12

### TIMOTHY STEPHEN MURPHY

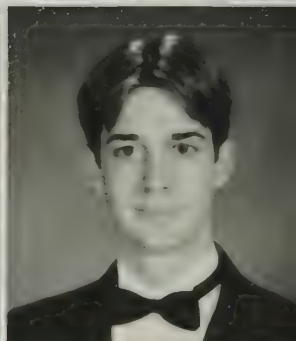
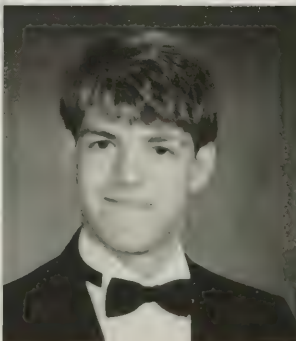
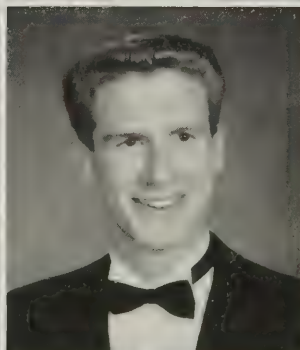
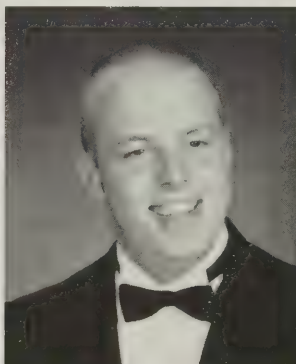
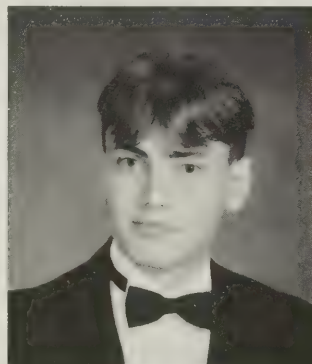
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10,V.P. 11, President 12

### PETER JOSEPH NADOLNY

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Varsity Club 10,11,12 Excel Club 10

### MORGAN HUTCHINS NEWLON

Band 9,10,12 Track 12





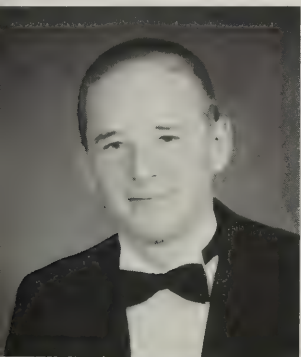


## TAKING IT EASY IN THE

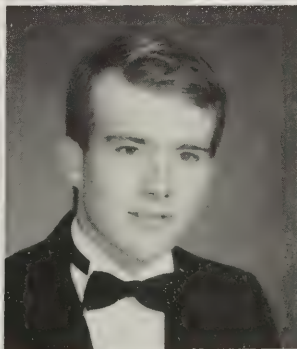
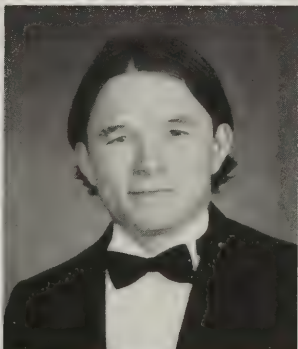
library during his AP Government class, senior Shelby Savage looks through *Seventeen* magazine. Shelby had a lot of extra time during this fourth hour class and passed the time by looking through magazines. Shelby said, "I don't really read it, I just look at the pictures."

## FIVE MINUTES WERE

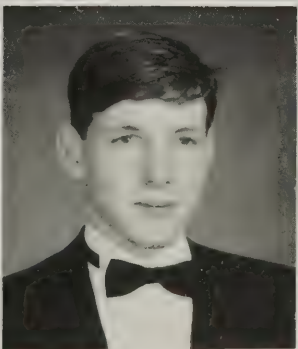
allotted to students to change classes. In her free time before band class, senior Bethany Gottschall bones up on her chair test music. She had to study the key signature of her prepared music for the chair test. A chair test consisted of a prepared piece of music, a sight read piece of music, and memorized scales.



**MICHAEL PAUL NEWMAN**  
**DANIELLE CHRISTINE NICELY**  
 SCA 9,10,11,12 NHS 11,12 Acappella  
 Choir 10,11,12 Field Hockey  
**PATRICK ANDREW NICHOLSON**  
**KATHLEEN MEGGAN NOLAN**  
 Drama 9,10 Secretary 11, President 12  
 Forensics 10,11,12 Newspaper 12 Track  
 9,10,11 Key Club 12



**CHARLES ROBERT OAKLEY**  
 VICA 11,12  
**BRIAN HAROLD PAGE**  
**MICHAEL SCOTT PAGE**  
 New Horizons 11,12  
**STEPHEN JOSEPH PALMER**  
 Football 9,10,11,12 VICA 12



**PHILLIP JOSEPH PAULS**  
 Football 9,10,11, Captain 12 Chorus  
 9,10,11,12 Wrestling 12 Track 10,11,12  
**JEREMY PATRICK PERRY**  
 Football 9,10,11 VICA 11,12  
**TIFFANIE KATINA PETRIN**  
 Volleyball 10,11,12 Band 9,10,11,12  
 SADD 10,11,12 Drama Club 10,11,12  
 Varsity Club 12  
**STELLA MARIE POWELL**  
 Mixed Chorus 9,10 Acappella Choir 11,12  
 Jazz Choir 11,12 Special Friends 9



**JASON KYLE PRICE**  
**SEAN MICHAEL PRUITT**

Debate 9

**ROBERT THOMAS QUINN**  
 Literary Magazine 10,11 Drama Club  
 11,12 FHA 12 Interclub Council 12

**JULIE RATLEY**

**RYAN CONDLE RICHTER**

Soccer 10,11,12 NHS 11,12 Golf 9

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**KELLY MICHELLE ROBERTS**

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VICA Secretary 12 FHA 9

**MARY LAMAR ROBERTS**

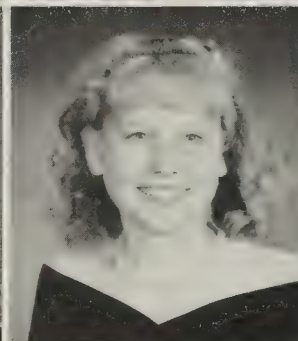
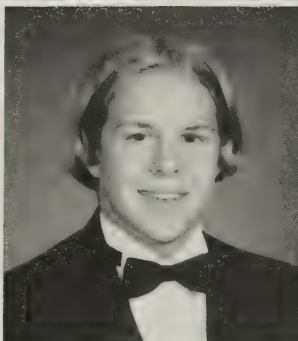
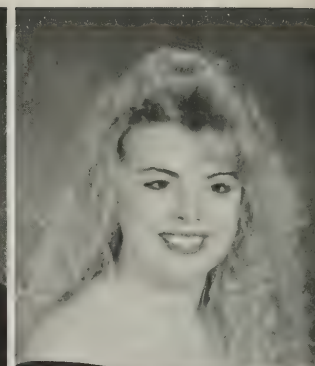
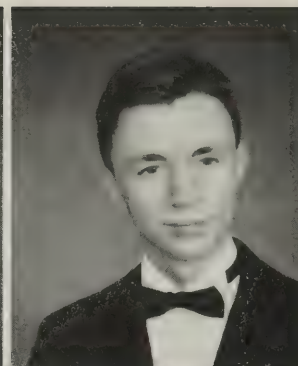
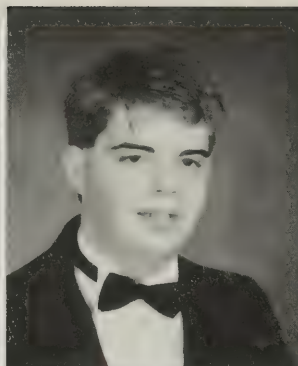
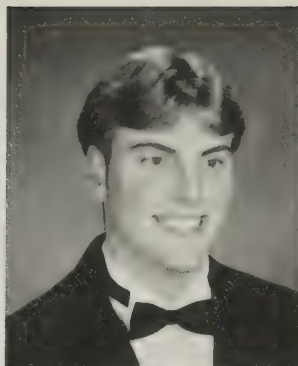
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Treasurer 12 Who'sWho? 11 SCA Rep. 12

**DANIEL MICHAEL ROGERS**

FHA 9,12 Basketball 10 Soccer

9,10,11,Captain 12 Golf 11



**IN MRS. BONNIE FAY'S THIRD**  
 hour advanced placement English 12 class, senior Ryan Richter smashes a cake with a large rubber hammer as his partner senior Jimmy Brooks looks on. Mrs. Fay's assignments demanded props and finding a suitable one was often stressful. Ryan said, "It was fun to smash that cake to get our point across to the class."

**STRESS WAS COMMON TO**  
 nearly all seniors during mid-term exams. After Kelli Alger's last exam, she reads a magazine she found in the classroom. Kelli said, "After the whole week of studying and exams, I finally had the time to read something that interested me."







**SCHOOL NEWSPAPERS WERE** periodically distributed to students during both lunches. Senior Katie Nolan, a sections editor, looks at her article while eating lunch. She was relieved from stress when she met her newspaper deadline and was able to get the publication out on time.

**GOING OVER SOME SHEET** music, Stewart Brown warms up his voice. Singing in chorus sometimes created a way to relax when other classes were stressful. Unfortunately, near performance time, even the music classes caused stress and anxiety instead of relaxation.



# Hiding out

## SENIORS MANAGE MOUNTING PRESSURE

BY  
Nathan Howell

"WHEN I  
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FRIENDS  
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RELAX."

among seniors was acceptance into college. Senior Jeromie Houston said, "College weighs heavily on a senior. In order to do well in life, people expect you to have a college education. So I think college and admissions are a big part of my life right now."

Senior Sara Shaw, agreeing with Jeromie, also thought that the worries of life after high school brought people down. Sara said, "College definitely puts a lot of pressure on you, especially getting into the one you want."

For senior Steven Smith, a variety of daily pressures mounted. Steven said, "My major concerns are work, women, and school."

Everyone wished they could have taken on the philosophy of senior Josh Boitnott. Stress didn't seem to bother him at all. Josh said, "I don't believe in stress."

For others, stress produced a positive affect. Many seniors thought that they performed at a higher level under stressful circumstances. Senior Christine Solga was an example of this phenomenon. Christine said, "I thrive on stress."

The previous two's reactions to stress were not indicative of the reactions of the senior class as a whole. Senior Shelby Savage's response to pressure was a bit more mainstream. Shelby said, "Whenever I feel stressed out, I either play the piano or break out into tears and sob uncontrollably for a couple of minutes."

With all of these things that were weighing down so heavily on us, it was a wonder we survived at all. Teenagers being like they were, we managed to escape. Senior Geoff Gatz said, "When I can't find any other ways to cope, I usually listen to some music."

Others found support with the help of friends. Senior Brandee Carrico said, "When I get stressed, I usually go out with some friends and just relax or something."

How fortunate we were to have been able to deal with getting down. Without it where would we be now?

*The lights are getting dim, breathing becomes gasping, and everything is piling up on top of you. Struggling would be futile. This was what it felt like when the stress of life was getting you down.*

One significant cause of stress

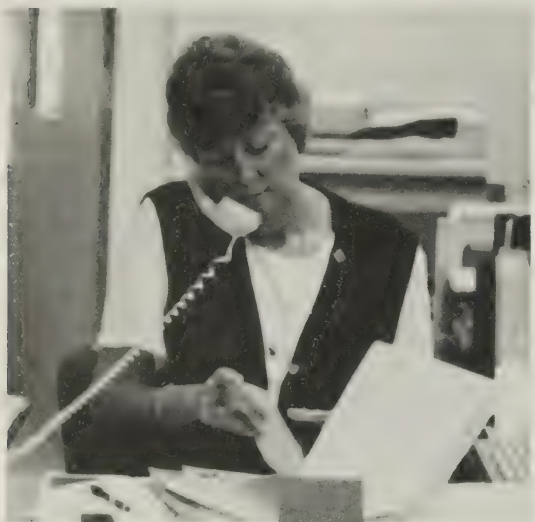


## COLLEGE ESSAYS RANGED

from the usual, analyzing a work of literature, to the unusual, writing your own obituary. Guidance counselor Mrs. Ginny Napier assists senior Lucas Cutler with his college essay. During the fall, Mrs. Napier set up a table in the commons to help seniors with scheduling and college applications.

## THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

played a major role in the college application process. Guidance counselors were responsible for compiling and sending transcripts, procuring teacher recommendations, and often writing recommendations themselves. The guidance secretary, Mrs. Judy Sullivan, makes a telephone call to a college for an anxious senior.



### GIOVANI ROJAS

#### JEREMY ALEXANDER ROSS

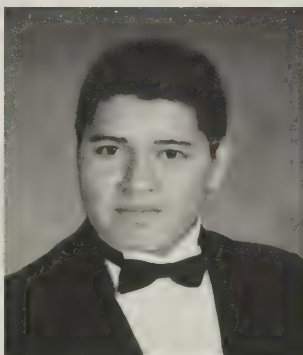
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Chorus 9,10,11,12

#### SHELBY JAY SAVAGE

Academic Challenge 11,12 NHS President  
12 Debate 11 OM 12 Band 11,12

#### RYANN JAYE SAWYER

Field Hockey 10,11,Captain 12 SCA 9,10,  
Junior Class V.P. 11 Key Club 9,10  
Happy Club 12



### LAURA RUTH SCHEMPF

Tennis 11,12 Field Hockey 11,12 Key  
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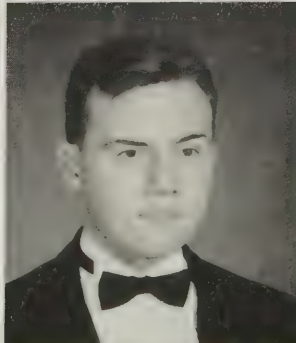
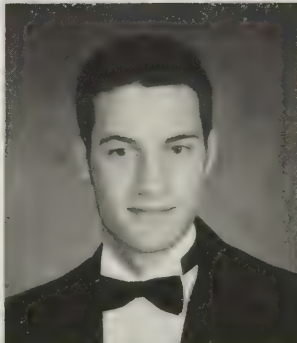
### KENNETH L. SELLERS

Track 9,11,12 Cross Country 9,10

### DEAN DAVIS SHANNON

NHS 11, V.P. 12 Yearbook 11, Editor 12  
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SCA 10, V.P. 11, President 12

### SARA NICOLE SHAW



### CHRISTOPHER LEE SHERMAN

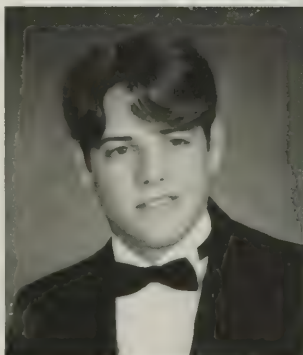
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Football 12 Golf 9 Varsity Club 11,12

### CHRISTINA E. SILCOX

### SHERRI LYNN SIVACEK

### MARY COLEEN SMITH

SCA 9,10,11 Yearbook 11,12  
Cheerleading 10,11,12 Special Friends 11





## A Political Science

professor finds contemporary fiction by African writers useful in teaching about the politics of southern Africa. If you were to design a course around the music, art or films you like, or books you love to read outside of class, what would that course be about?

This was but a single example of the type of questions asked on college applications. College-bound seniors faced questions like this. Such questions were presented in an effort to learn more about the applicant. Senior David McGarry said, "College essay questions offer an opportunity for the members of the admissions board to find out more about a student's interests, experiences, and character."

Senior Han Choi agreed when he said, "Written essays on college applications are good because they give the university or college an idea of who you are."

Not everyone looked upon mandatory college essays in a similar fashion. The essay questions were often seen as pointless, personally intrusive or unnecessary. Senior Ken Sellers said, "I think they should be voluntary. If you feel there is something the college needs to know about you then you may wish to fill them out."

Another grievance seniors had with essay questions on college applications was their lack of uniformity. A student applying to several different colleges would be required to write different essays for each application. Senior Shelby Savage said, "One would think that college admission offices would have the brains enough to come up with one essay question to use, rather than forcing already overburdened seniors to write ten essays for ten schools."

Senior Jennifer Kahng said, "They're a big pain because not one college has the same essays as another. It's so time consuming to fill all of them out."

Students were not left all alone to toil over the college essays. Mrs. Bonnie Fay's English classes were taken through the college application process phase by phase. She also proofread any essays. Senior Katie Nolan said, "She does a really good job taking her students through the college application process. It's nice having someone editing your work before you send it away."

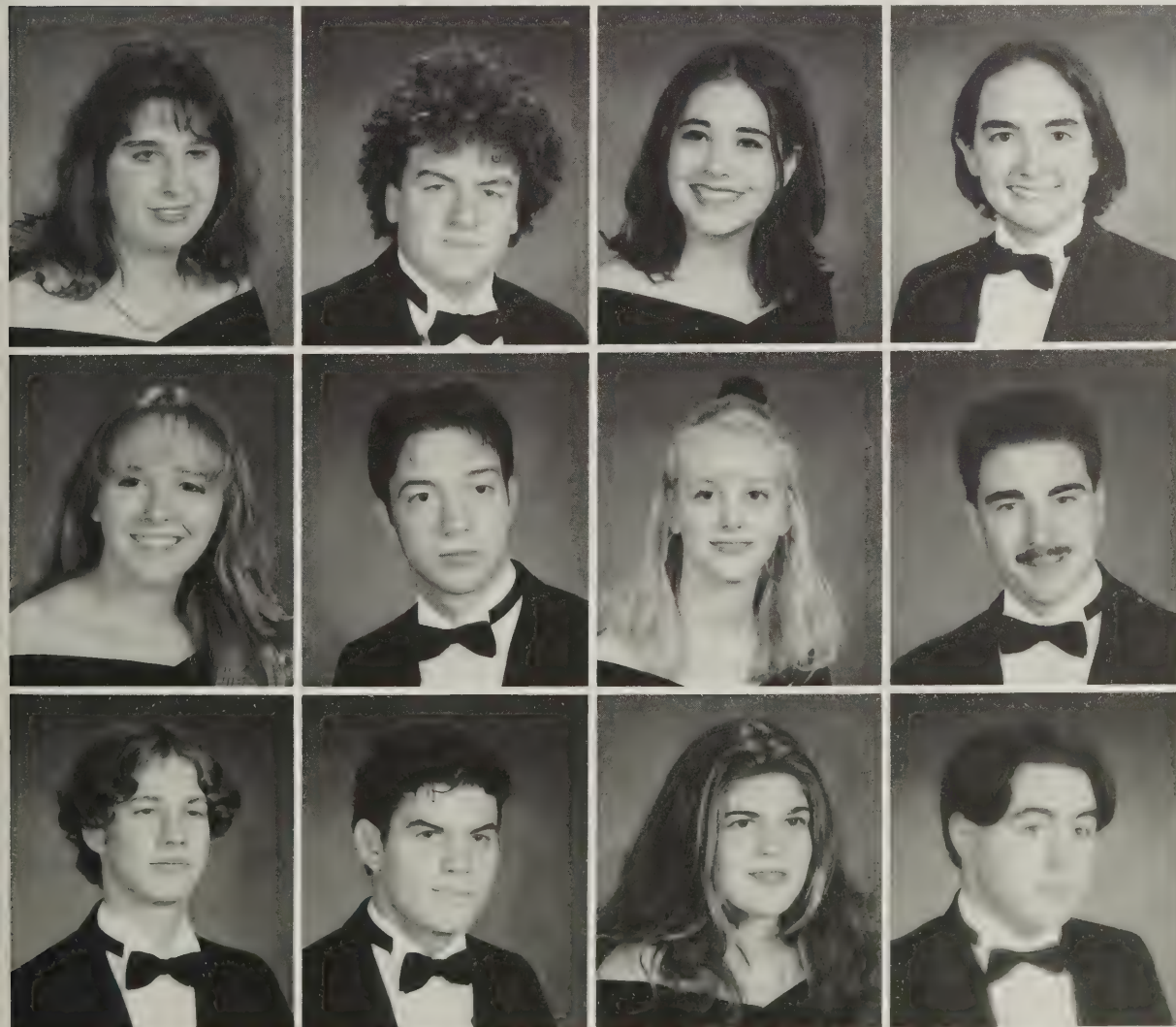
You only had one chance to write a college essay. The college essays had the potential to either make or break you. For this reason, seniors labored many hours to make them perfect.

# G etting in

## SENIORS LABOR OVER ESSAY QUESTIONS

BY  
Jimmy Brooks

"THEY'RE A  
BIG PAIN  
BECAUSE  
NOT ONE  
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OTHER."



### MISTY LEE SMITH

New Horizons 11,12 Who's Who? 11

### STEPHEN S. SMITH

CHRISTINE JOANNE SOLGA  
Cheerleading 9,10,11,12 Garnet and Gold  
10,11,12 SCA 10,11 Happy Club 11,12  
SADD 12

DARREN ANDREW SONTOS  
Academic Bowl 9

### CHRISTINA LYN ST. CLAIR

FHA 9 FBLA 12 Co-Op 11,12

ROBERT LOWELL STALLARD  
Soccer 9,10,11,12 Band 9,10,11,12 Jazz  
Band 9,10,11

TARA MICHELLE STOKES  
VICA 11,12 Color Guard 9,10 FHA 9,10

DEREK M. SUTHERLAND  
VICA 11, President 12

### BRIAN MONACO SUTTON

Soccer 9,10,11,12 NHS 11,12 Newspaper  
10,11, Editor 12 Key Club 9,11

STUART COLLINS SUTTON  
Football 9,10,11,12 Wrestling 11 Key  
Club 9,10 Who's Who? 11 Boys' State 11

### BONNIE LISA TASILLO

SCA 9 Key Club 9,10,11,12 Basketball  
9,10,11,12 Volleyball 10 Who's Who  
10,11

### CHRISTOPHER A. THOMPSON

Wrestling 9,10,11,12 Football 9,10  
Homecoming Rep. 10



## SOCIALIZING BETWEEN CLASSES

was a way to pass time and happened every day. Daily routines were formed over four years of high school. These routines were hard to break. Seniors Marina Valdez and Renee Hunt compare hats while sitting at a table in the commons. "It will be weird when I can't spend time with my chum Renee," said Marina.

## THE HOMECOMING PARADE

took place the afternoon of toga day. Senior Brian Sutton drives fellow seniors Robert Bolden, Pete Nadolny, Bob Goddin, Joey Harris, Mark Bradley, and Danny Rogers in the parade. Bob said, "I've been watching the parade since I was a little kid. I'll really miss it next year."



### **CORRIGAN M. THRELKELD**

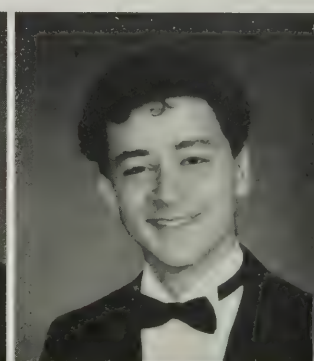
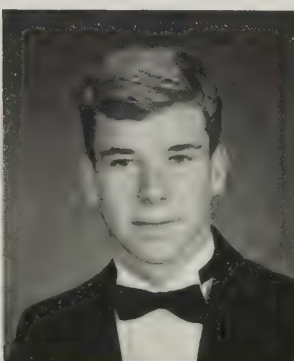
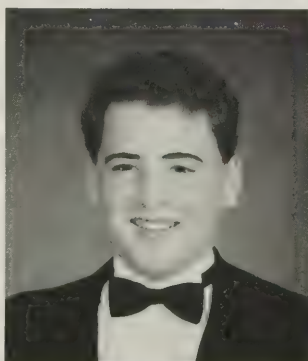
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### **JEFFREY AARON TORRENTI**

### **DEVIN ASHER TRIPPE**



### **MARINA ELENA VALDEZ**

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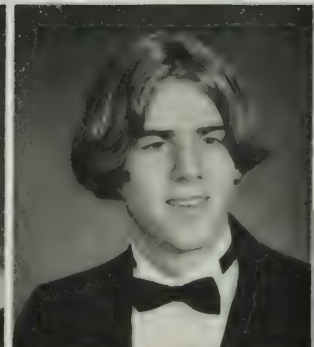
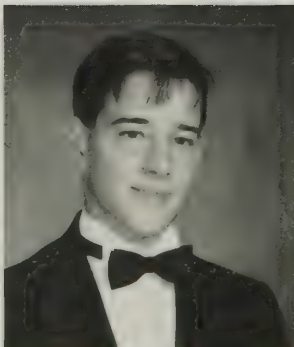
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### **AMY CALLIS VEST**

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### **TROY NICHOLAS WALLS**







## FOR MOST GRADUATING

seniors, the worst thing about moving on was leaving behind long-time friends. Senior Han Choi made several good friends during his high school years. Seniors Laura Schempf and Peggy Gross give Han a big smooch in the commons. Han said, "I would have never imagined I'd be kissed by two girls at the same time."

## THE POQUOSON SEAFOOD

Festival was held annually each September at Municipal Park. Senior Jennifer Freeman sells burgers and drinks while working in the band booster booth. About the festival, Jennifer said, "I can't believe I'll miss it next year. I'll miss working for the band boosters and watching the teachers get dunked at the dunking booth."



# Moving on

SENIORS LEAVE BEHIND FORMER LIVES

BY

*Jimmy Brooks*

"THE SADDEST PART OF LEAVING HIGH SCHOOL IS PARTING WITH FRIENDS."

leaving behind a sizable portion of their lives, entering into the real world, and losing contact with a life that ceased to exist. Friends went their separate ways, whether to college or directly into the work force, and many commonplace, everyday occurrences became a thing of the past. Senior Kevin Cockrell said, "I will miss the crowding in the halls and in the Commons between classes and at lunch."

For many seniors, the end of high school meant the end of competitive athletic careers. Senior Brady Diggs said, "I will definitely miss playing high school sports and the camaraderie with my teammates over the years."

All seniors were not quite as sentimental. "I don't think I'm going to miss a single thing about high school," said senior Mark Bradley.

The concept of never attending another high school social gathering saddened the senior class. Senior Katie Cox said, "I think I'll miss high school dances the most."

Editor-in-chief of the yearbook staff Dean Shannon said, "I will miss one thing more than anything, yearbook class. I don't know how I'll adjust in the real world without it. Someday I'll have to be a yearbook advisor."

Senior Graham Alsbrooks had a different outlook on leaving behind a part of his life. Graham sarcastically said, "I think I will miss waking up early in the morning for Advanced Placement Calculus class the most."

Perhaps the most sorrowful experience brought about by graduation was the breaking up of friendships. Senior Laura Asakura said, "The saddest part of leaving high school is parting with friends and classmates because I probably won't see them all together again."

Senior Tom Beazlie agreed with Laura, but had a more optimistic outlook. He said, "I'll miss all my old friends the most definitely, but I'm looking forward to making new friends in college."

Whether they were ready for it or not, high school was over, leaving many seniors teary-eyed over an era that had finally ended.

*You go through 13 years of school looking forward to one day, graduation, the day you will finally be done with high school. When this day finally grows near, though, a part of you is sad to see it come.*

For seniors, graduating meant



## IN HER FIFTH HOUR CLASS

senior Hilary Johnson discusses General Charles deGaulle, France's former president. After giving her report on French nuclear testing, Hilary said, "I plan to return to France as an exchange student in college and later I'd like to live there."

## ON BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

the National Honor Society sold baked goods to the visiting parents. Seniors Katie Nolan and Katie Cox sell the goods to benefit the NHS college scholarship fund. At the end of the year, the money procured through the various NHS fundraisers was issued as \$100 scholarships to members.



# P lanning ahead

## SENIORS MAP OUT FUTURES

BY

Charlie French

"I WILL  
MARRY A  
REPAIR  
MAN  
NAMED  
JIM."

school?"

Senior Kathryn Burrows had a fairly definite plan of action after high school. Kathryn said, "I hope to get into a good college and to get a teaching certificate. Then I will become a kindergarten teacher."

Like Kathryn, senior Glenda Cox had a certain occupation in mind. Glenda said, "I want to go off to college, and then to insurance school. Then I would really like to own my own insurance office one day!"

Senior Jimmy Brooks knew exactly what his future held. Jimmy said, "I will attend the University of Virginia, eventually become an orthopedic surgeon, and make over \$300,000 a year."

Senior David McGarry also thought he knew where he would continue his education. Dave said, "I plan to attend Virginia Tech."

Some seniors, like Heather Gengnagel, had not quite decided what they wanted to do. Heather said, "I am really not sure of my plans for the future."

There were other choices besides enrolling into a university or college directly following high school. Senior Brandee Carrico said, "I plan to take off a semester of school and start college in the spring of 1997."

When asked about her future plans, senior Sarah Evans said, "I hope that I will get accepted to Washington and Lee University. At Washington and Lee, I want to major in mass communications. Maybe I'll become the next Barbara Walters."

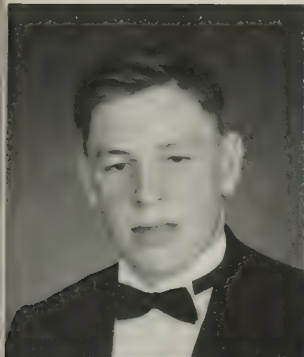
As was the case with Sarah, some seniors had their futures completely mapped out. Senior Laura Schempf even predicted the specifics of her future. Laura said, "I am going to go to either Rice or Davidson. Then, I will marry a repair man named Jim."

Senior Tim Murphy had a different outlook on his future. Tim said, "I do not know. It is hard to tell where I will be in this world five or ten years from now. The world will be such a different place. It is difficult to try to say what anything will be like in the future."

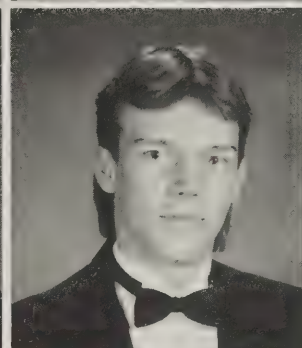
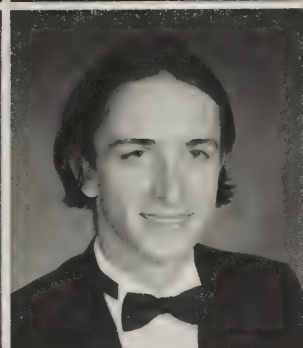
**"What do you want to be when you grow up?"**

Future plans were something that were on the minds of all in the senior class. Ever since they were little children, members of the senior class were asked, "What are your plans after high

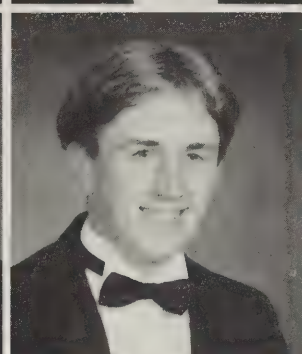
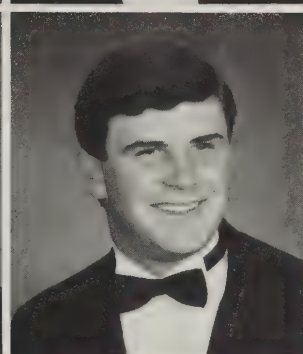




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Football 10,11,12 Basketball 10,11,12  
Track 11,12  
**AMBER LEE WATKINS**  
Quill and Scroll 11,12 Majorette  
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**DAWN MARIE WATKINS**  
Color Guard 9,10,11 FHA 10,11,12  
Chorus 9,10,11,12 Soundsation 10,11,12  
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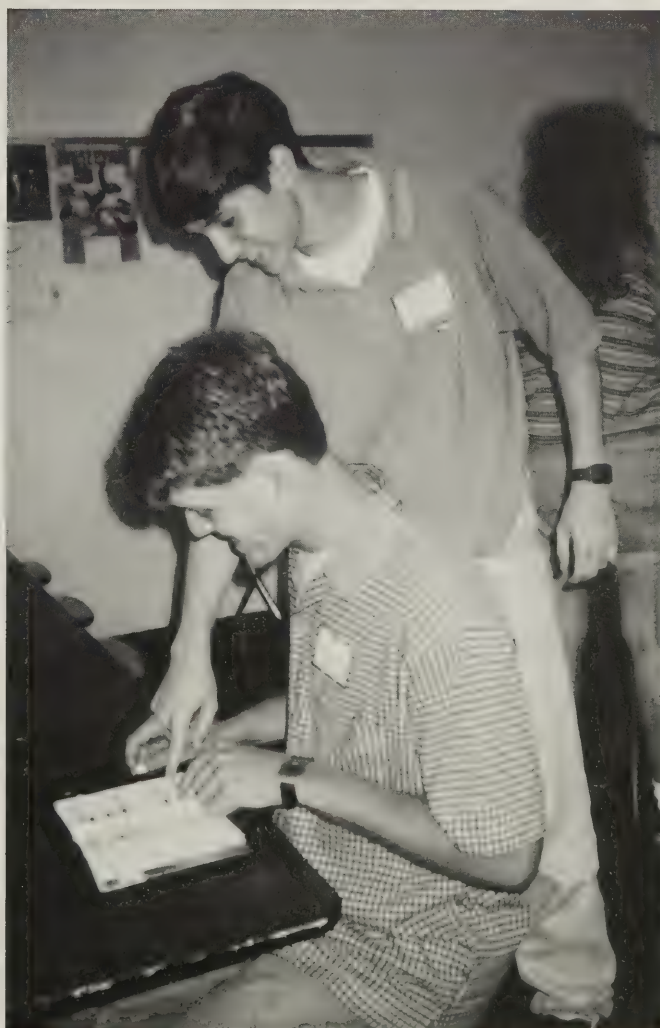
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**JAMES BRIAN WESCOTT**  
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**DWIGHT EVANS WHITE**  
Baseball 10,11,12 New Horizons 11,12  
**CAMI WILLIAMS**



**TROY KEITH WILLIAMS**  
**JAMES EDWIN WITHROW**  
VICA 11,12  
**ERICK MATTHEW ZOHN**

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Han O. Choi  
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Elizabeth M. Montalvo  
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Mark Christian Raiz  
James Donald Ruehl  
Charles Arthur Southall  
Amy Marie Stratton  
Maryam Tabibi  
Robert Kevin Topping  
Kristy M. Wright



**AT THE BEGINNING OF THE**  
year, seniors Charlie French and Tim Murphy start to make some plans for the future. Charlie and Tim picked out dates when they would visit colleges. Charlie said, "I wanted to get the dates in my daily planner so that I would know which weekends I would have free."



# Falling down

Have you ever tripped and fallen on your face in front of a group of strangers?

Embarrassment was a common emotion experienced by teenagers, whether it was self-imposed or caused by friends. When embarrassed, being swallowed by the floor sounded like a great idea. Junior Albert Bowden said, "One of my friends depantsed me at a home basketball game, then took my shorts and ran around the gym with them."

Childhood embarrassments were remembered vividly by some students. "In fourth grade when I was supposed to play the piano in the school talent show, I got so nervous I forgot the whole song. I was so embarrassed I ran off the stage crying," said sophomore Kathi Carter.

Junior Mark Philbeck remembered another school-related incident. He said, "When my fifth grade class was saying a poem for the school I fainted."

Friends often caused embarrassing situations all in the name of fun. "My friends gave my phone number to a janitor at a bowling alley. It was so embarrassing because he called me for two weeks straight," said sophomore Randi Webb.

Also put in an embarrassing situation by friends was junior Christina Dominguez. She said, "I was a freshman and Jimmy Jones picked me up and took me into the boys' bathroom. It was when classes switch so the whole school was around. I covered my eyes and started screaming."

Even if the moment was far in their past, the embarrassment still showed in the faces of those relating their tales.

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Michael Akers 09  
Trevor Alsbrooks 10  
Bradley Ambrose 11  
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Robert Ankeney 10  
Heather Arms 11  
Michael Artis 10  
Anthony Ashley 11  
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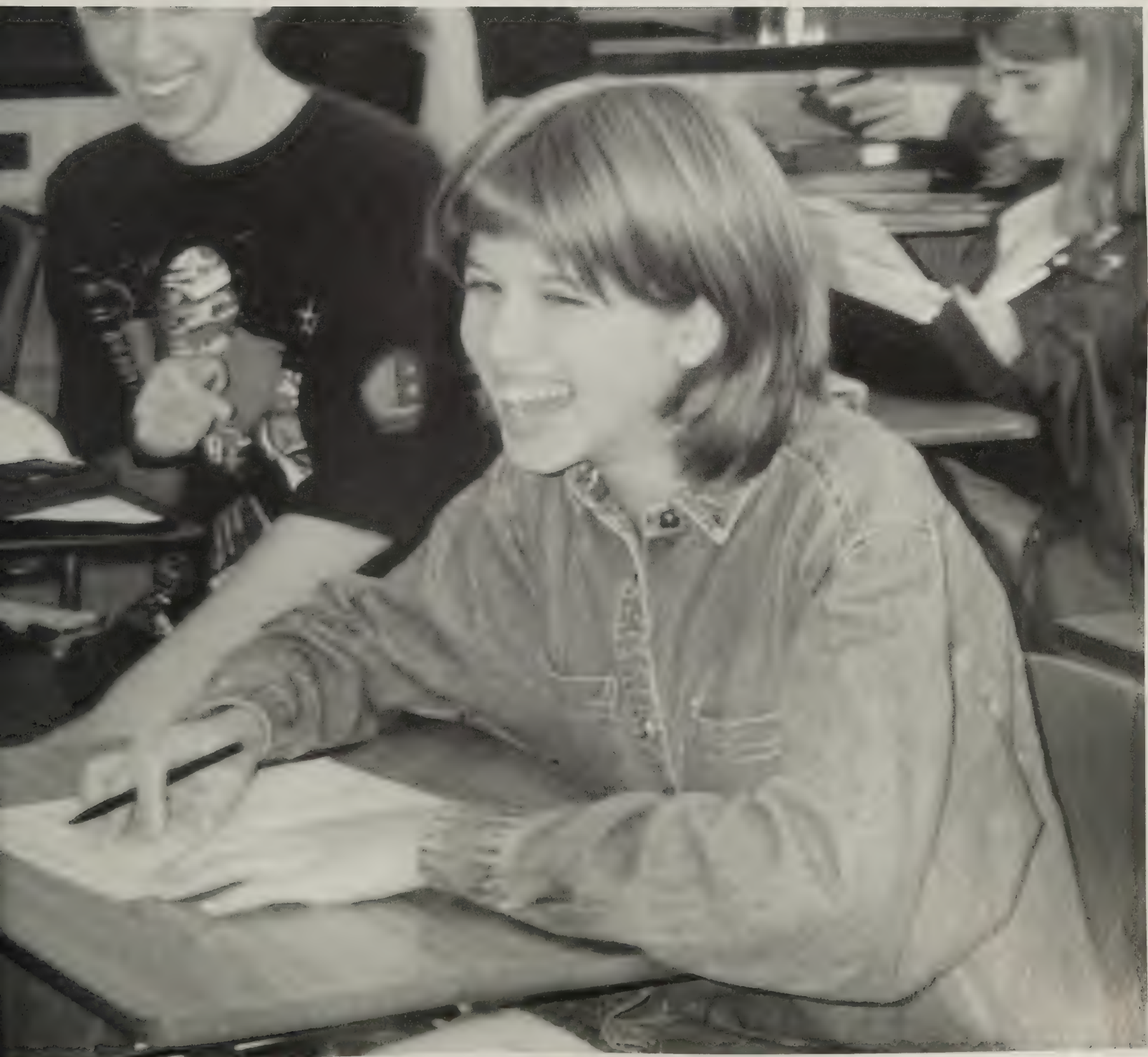






Sitting at the lunch table, juniors Jennifer Haczewski, Jeff Scott, and Dave Hargrave laugh at junior Phil Prisco. Phil was telling a story about an embarrassing moment at the fire station where he and Dave both volunteer.

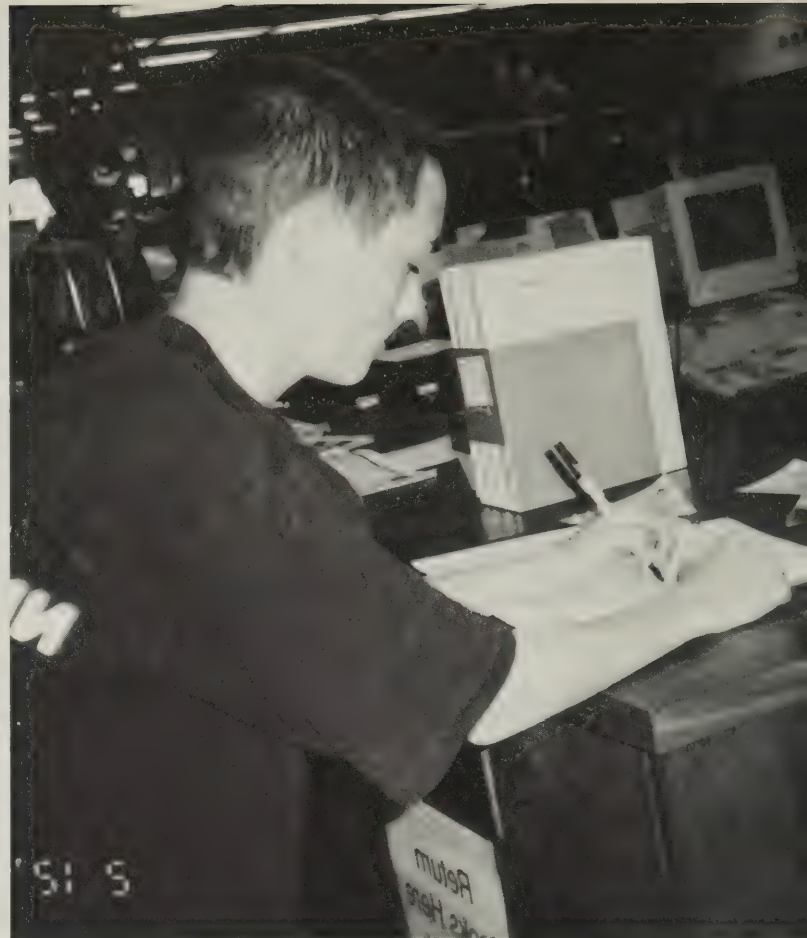
Laughing in chemistry class, sophomore Alison Mast accepts Mrs. Mary Beth Leavitt's joking. "She thinks I am a distraction in class because I always talk and laugh. I also locked Joe Flannery out of the classroom. Oh, no!" said Alison.





During Mrs. Debbe Goddin's English class, sophomore Blair Hardaway waits for her hall pass to use the bathroom. The new rules for passes made it harder to leave class. Students were not allowed to leave class unless it was an emergency.

When entering or leaving the library, everyone had to sign in. They also had to present a pass as proof that they were allowed to go there. Junior David Scarpa signs in so he can check out a book. Even during lunch, students had to obtain a pass to enter the library.



## HALL ROAMERS:

# New rules

Social Security number? Date of birth? Have you ever been convicted of a felon?

This is the line of questioning most students felt like they were going through when trying to obtain a hall pass.

The administration became more strict about giving hall passes and letting students out of class in an effort to reduce the amount of goofing off in the halls and disruptions of classes. "It's almost as if you have to apply for it in advance so that the teacher can do a background check," said senior Chris Gibbs.

Some students believed the administration became stricter on giving hall passes because of the behavior of a few other students. Freshman Charlotte Teague said, "I think this policy is because of a few bad students, but I don't think it is fair to penalize the students who are obeying the rules."

Sophomore Maryanne Sanderson said, "I think the teachers are just too paranoid. Most of the students aren't that bad."

Other students agreed that this policy was stricter due to student actions and that the teachers had reasons to be suspicious of students' activities. The behavior of students in previous years determined the way teachers felt. Junior Ryan Sullivan said, "It's all because too many people are going to the bathroom to use drugs and do other bad things."

Whether you agreed with this policy or not, it was still something all students had to go through to be allowed to leave class.

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 Jeremy Bloxom 10  
 Michael Boerner 11  
 Marshall Booker 11  
 Jennifer Bookwalter 09  
  
 Renee Booth 09  
 Jeremy Burgois 09  
 James Bowden 11  
 Kathleen Boyle 09  
 Jennifer Brandt 10  
 Valerie Brauer 09  
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 Matthew Britt 09  
 Adam Brook 10  
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 Cory Dannels 09



# Friends share

Shooting pool. Driving around aimlessly. Chilling over at a friend's house. All these activities we did when we hung out with our friends.

Students did many activities while hanging out with their friends. "I like to go up to Spinners and shoot pool with my friends," said junior Jesse Johnson.

"My friends and I just go over to one of our houses and goof off," said junior Melissa Carter. Many students agreed that hanging out was always fun as long as you had a friend there.

Freshman Michelle Marshall said, "I'm really busy with school related activities, so when I do have a chance to hang, I just go over to a friends'."

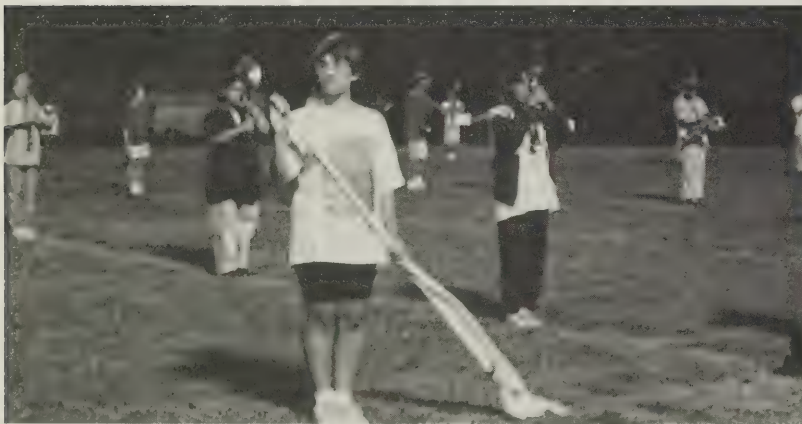
While some students knew where they were going and what they would be doing, others did not. "I like to go to many different places, to try and find out where the action is," said junior John Weaver.

Others didn't really care where they gathered, as long as they were able to do so. "I really don't have a set place to hang out. Anywhere is good as long as I'm with a friend," said junior Tim Thomas.

Students liked meeting new people, but others liked being around familiar faces. Senior Paul Leykam said, "I like to be around the same group of friends. That way, if I say something stupid not too many people will know."

Whether you liked to be with friends or just meeting new people, hanging out was what you made it. What many made it was a chance to be with close friends.

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*laughs, gossip,*  
*future dreams*



Standing on the football field, junior Kristy Erzen waits to begin twirling flags. The band practiced twice a week to be ready for the games on Fridays. "Band practice was tiring. Usually we got in trouble and had to stand at attention forever," said Kristy.

On a rainy day after school, sophomore Katie Martin kicks back in her room to read a book. Katie said, "Whenever I get bored or stressed out, I like to spend some quiet time in my room." Computers, video games, television and listening to music occupied private times in the bedroom.





Hanging on to a tree, freshman Brett Nicholson watches a fight at the bridge. Many students showed up to watch the fight. "There were so many people crowded around the fight that I couldn't see. I climbed up in the tree in order to get a better view," said Brett.



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Clint Davis 10  
Gabrielle Davis 11  
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Jennifer Davison 11  
William Dearman 09  
Greg Deaver 09  
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Megan Dennis 09  
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Christine Diggs 09

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Remle Diggs 11  
Ronald Diggs 10  
Drew Dixon 10  
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In the library, Mrs. Judy Topping guides freshmen Jesse Young and Christine Topping in using the Internet. Students thought the information on the Internet was very useful for school. Research and homework were reasons for using the Internet in the library.

After school, sophomore Patrick Johnson gets on the Internet. The internet served as a resource for information to students when they did homework or reports.



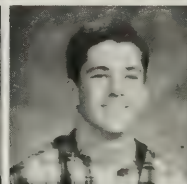
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Kelly Evans 09  
Mary Beth Evans 10  
Richard Evans 11  
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Albert Firth 10  
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# Surfing into

At the click of a mouse you can receive information about changing oil in a 1956 Chevy or chat with businessmen from China. Granted, hours became costly, but most people considered "the worldwide web" worth it.

The chatting option piqued many students' interest, allowing them to meet other students and interesting individuals from everywhere. Sophomore Chris Young said, "I like to use Internet

chat. Most people think Internet chat is used for sexual purposes, but in Internet chat I talk about normal stuff, like music, TV, and hobbies. It is a good way to make friends that are far away. I have met people all over the country and globe."

On Internet chat, it was a "handle" or name by which others knew you. Freshman Ashley Brownley said, "I use weird exotic names that spark conversations and sound interesting. More people find you interesting if you have a name they don't understand."

The web was time-consuming and some students did not have the space in their schedules. "The Internet is useful for getting information on topics such as colleges, but I'm usually too busy to use it," said sophomore Amanda Palmer.

A world of information without limits described the Internet. Information and friends were discovered at the tap of the keyboard. In this fashion students spent their time behind the computer.

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Kristin Geppert 10  
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Keith Gibbs 10  
Paul Gilbert 09  
Rachel Gilbert 11



# Teachers end

You thought it was safe. You didn't notice anyone looking. But then, busted!

Getting caught passing notes was a common occurrence for students.

Each teacher had different punishments for catching students with notes. Junior Shazia Ismail said, "Once, I was passing a note to a friend when the teacher caught me and read it aloud. I was so embarrassed. I hate it when teachers read notes aloud."

"I used to read notes out loud, but because some of them were so filthy, I stopped doing that. Now, I usually take them and throw them away, unless they say it's important. Then I give it back at the end of class," said English teacher Mrs. Debbe Goddin.

Even student teachers caught students passing notes. Freshman Michelle Marshall said, "Mr. Garrity's student teacher, Mr. Goldman, caught me writing a note, so he took it and read it aloud. It was about a girl in our class who liked him. He started to blush, and the whole class busted out laughing."

Teachers often made the mistake of reading notes that were written about them. Junior Kristy Ernzen said, "I was passing a note through the divider in the wall when Mrs. Stoldalorf caught me. She took it and read it. For the rest of the period, she kept looking at me because the note was about her."

Note passing normally happened among students. Getting caught passing the notes was also very common. The punishment was often an embarrassing experience.

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Carrie Goff 09  
Karel Gonzalez 09  
Erin Gooding 11  
Aaron Goodman 11  
Penny Goodrich 10  
Eugene Goodson 09

Tina Goodson 09  
George Gori 11  
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Shari Gross 10  
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Ryan Hall 11

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Miles Hanchey 11  
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Blair Hardaway 10  
John Hardin 09  
David Hargrave 11

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Joshua Harris 09  
Stephen Harris 11  
Eric Hartman 09







During Mrs. Debbe Goddin's English class, sophomore Christa Stutt writes a note. Passing notes was a way to spend time during class. Christa said, "I always find free time in my class to write notes to my friends."

While making sure no one is looking, sophomore April Weaver slips a note to sophomore Erin Murphy. Erin said, "I only write notes when it is important, this could not wait until the end of class."





While babysitting, sophomore Jenny Stallings takes Megan Brooks and Courtney for a walk. "Occasionally, I babysit for my neighbor on Tuesdays and Thursdays until her mother gets home from work at 4:30," said Jenny.

At the district basketball game in Nansemond River, sophomore Jessica Dryden holds Gage Lockette. Jessica was discussing babysitting for Gage on the upcoming weekend with his grandmother, Mrs. Shelly Gillespie.



## PLAYING GAMES:

# Watching kids

The children crying, the dog barking, the phone ringing. The parents late, the house a wreck, the fatigue setting in. It's just another long day in the adventures of babysitting.

Sometimes bad experiences occurred during babysitting. Senior Jeromie Houston said, "I babysit my cousins sometimes. It's great fun until they poop on you."

Making money was a big part of babysitting. Some students felt that they were underpaid for the work they did. "I babysit seven children every Sunday. It makes me mad because the parents are doctors and they don't pay well. I started charging more because I didn't even get enough money for all my work," said sophomore Danielle Kukich.

Sophomore Erin Murphy didn't have the same problem. "I babysit a little girl whose mom used to babysit for me. It's pretty weird," she said. "I get paid four dollars an hour, so I don't mind babysitting for her."

Babysitting little brothers and sisters was common among students. Often babysitting these siblings was rewarding. Freshman John Hardin said, "I don't mind babysitting my little sister because I can yell at her as much as I want to, because she is related to me. My parents pay me pretty well, too."

At other times, babysitting was even revolting. "Occasionally I babysit my little sister," junior Christina Dominguez said. "It's a real pain because my parents come back late and we usually spend the whole time fighting."

After completing a babysitting job, students took time to do something they enjoyed. Perhaps it was spending the money they had made or just relaxing from the job. Whatever they did, they deserved it after a hard day taking care of the children.

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Traci Hazen 10  
Casev Heck 11  
Christina Heimbruch 10  
Amanda Herring 09  
Nicole Hicks 09  
Jonathan Hill 10

Jeffrey Hogge 09  
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Kathleen Kreiger 10  
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Danielle Kukich 10  
Jeffrey Lackey 09  
Shawn Lacks 10  
Ashley Lamberton 10



# Kiss locks

*memories,*

*rings,*

*for juniors*

A romantic kiss on the bridge. Class colors and mood lighting. New shiny rings. What else could it be?

Ring Dance was a special event geared toward the juniors who had just received their class rings. "It took a lot of hard work to get everything together, but it turned out really nice. All the lights and balloons made the Commons look great. The bridge was nice with the ivy and balloons. The decorations made the dance. We had green and gold balloons throughout the Commons, which are our class colors. 'The class of '97' was strung in Christmas lights on the wall. All of the decorations symbolized our class. It is neat to know that all of that is ours and no one else's," said junior Katie Edwards.

Although freshmen, sophomores, and seniors attended the dance as dates, they realized how special the night was for the juniors. Freshman Ashley Brownley said, "There seemed to be a close unity between the junior class, and watching the ring turning ceremony was interesting."

Almost everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Junior Sunny Claussen said, "Everyone in my group hated each other, but we got along. My date was the sweetest and we had a great time, even though his hair was messed up."

Since music blared at every dance, a disc jockey was hired for Ring Dance. "Everyone was relaxed and wanted to have a good time. I thought the DJ was good and he played a good mix of music. He played too much rap, though," said junior Chris Riley.

The ring ceremony, the music, and the atmosphere all added to the Ring Dance. Juniors felt a part of the school with their new rings and a night just for them.



Crossing the bridge juniors Jaclyn Smith, Colleen Bresnan, and Maura Garvey wait to turn and lock junior Jason Abbott's class ring. Jason, the junior class vice president had his ring turned three times: once each by the other junior officers.

Ring dance was a special night for juniors. Greg Taylor and Angela Taliaferro share a slow dance. At the ring dance juniors enjoyed the slow dancing as well as the tradition of turning and locking rings.





Juniors attended Ring Dance in November. Junior Sarah Kreiger and her date senior Brian Sutton lock rings as they cross the bridge. "Ring Dance was great. A bunch of us got together at Maura Garvey's house, and we cooked our dates dinner," said Sarah.



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 Bryan McDaniels 09



Sitting in his brother's car, freshman Matt Insley waits for a ride home for school. Matt said about his brother's driving, "Eric drives fast. Once he slid on a wet road and ran into a bush." Even though his brother drove too fast, Matt still preferred to ride with him instead of riding the bus.

Many students had driving experiences that they would rather forget. Junior Marc Duncan sits in his truck after having it repaired from an accident. Marc said, "I pulled out in front of some man and he hit the back of my truck. I spun around in the road and almost went into a ditch."



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# Flashing lights

"License and registration, please."

Many students heard this when they were pulled for a ticket. Sophomore Peter Anderson said, "I've had three tickets. One for speeding 11 miles over, one for noise (my stereo was too loud), and one for parking at the mall where there wasn't a parking space."

Senior Tim Murphy also got pulled and ticketed. He said, "I was flashing my bright lights to warn oncoming vehicles that a cop was working radar on Wythe Creek Road. Another cop coming in the other direction pulled me for illegal use of warning devices."

Students also had problems using reverse. Junior Jaclyn Smith said, "I had just gotten a new paint job on my car, so I didn't want to scratch it. I was pulling out of the garage trying not to hit my dad's car, and I ran into the frame of the garage door."

Sophomore Randi Webb said, "I was backing out of 7-11 and didn't notice the telephone pole. It put a dent in the back of my Mustang. My parents were pretty upset with me."

Running into people was a scary experience. Junior Melissa Moore said, "I was coming home from school and Tony Pao ran into the side of my car on his bike. He was ok, but it was a scary experience."

Driving was a privilege as well as a responsibility. Through their bad experiences, students realized the truth in that.

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# Sleeping place

Is it a complete disaster or neat and organized? Is it fully equipped with television and stereo or just a bed and dressers?

Bedrooms varied in style. The time students spent in their rooms depended on how much they liked their room, and how much there was to do in their rooms.

Many students spent just enough time in their rooms to sleep and get dressed. Sophomore Randi Webb said, "I don't really spend a lot of time in my room. I am always on the go, between school, practice, and cheerleading."

"I never spend time in my room because I'm never home. I find more interesting things to do elsewhere," said freshman Travis Butler.

Sharing a room with a brother or sister wasn't a bother, as long as they stayed out of their way and out of their personal belongings. Senior Wesley Backus said, "I don't mind sharing a room with my brother because we are never home at the same time, so we don't get in each other's way. That way I get to spend time in my room without him always being there."

For those students who didn't seem to give their room much attention, things got kind of messy. Junior Dwayne Rick said, "I don't enjoy spending time in my room because it's never clean. I never have time to clean it, and when I do it's dirty within a couple of days."

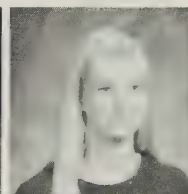
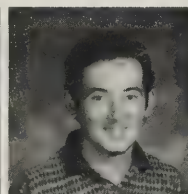
The amount of time students spent in their room depended mostly on how many extracurricular activities they had and how busy they stayed.

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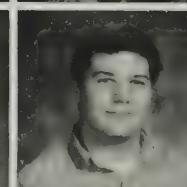
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Taking a break from studying, freshman Natalie Stallings stretches out on her bed. She was helping her older sister Jenny pick out something to wear. "I usually don't go in my room unless it's to sleep or study," said Natalie.

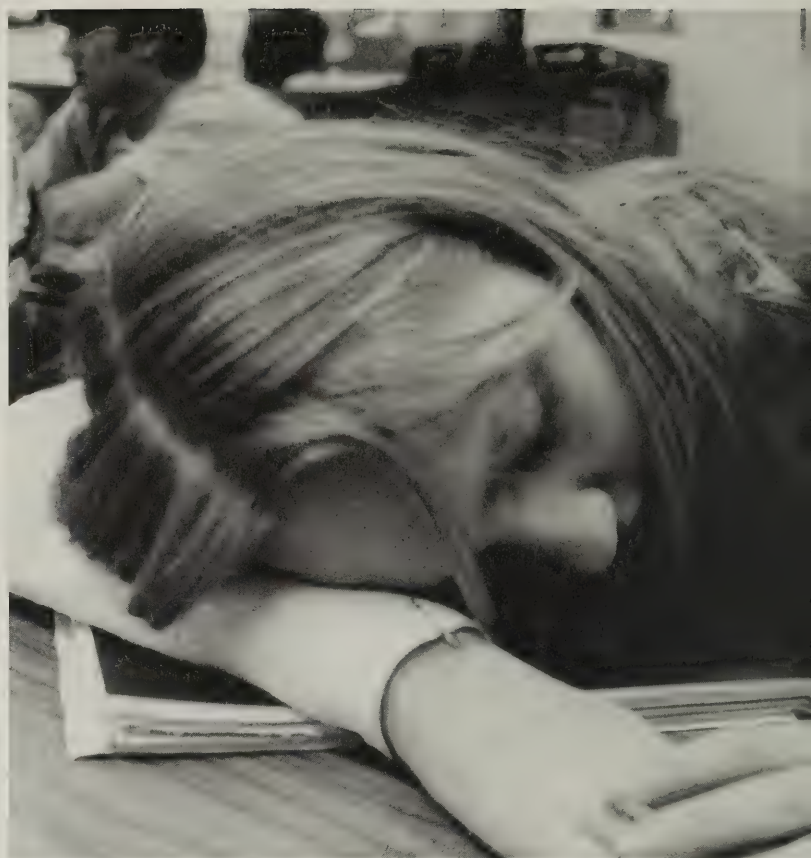
Spending some time in her room after school, sophomore Nikki Folks watches television. Rooms provided comfort for students after school. Nikki said, "If I get bored after school I watch television in my room. My cat likes to join me."





Having someone special to share the day with made Mondays better. Sophomore J.D. Talley sits with his girlfriend Natalie Wever on Monday morning. J.D. said, "Mondays are a lot easier with Natalie around. She always makes sure I have a good day."

While Mrs. Barbara Freeman is not looking, junior Jennifer Harris tries to catch a quick nap in math class. Once students finished their work, they had time to take a nap. Sometimes, students napped before the lesson was done. Jennifer said, "Weekends always burn me out, so I have to sleep in school."



TOO EARLY:

# Having fun

The alarm sounds and startles you as you wake for the worst day of the week. Monday!

Students walked around tired and lifeless on Monday, the day that most didn't like. Sophomore Sandy Shandor said, "I don't like Mondays. After sleeping in all weekend it is hard to get used to waking up early."

Others agreed it was the weekend that made Mondays so tiresome and boring. "It's hard to come back to school after the weekend off and having to get back in the thinking mode," said junior Heather Arms.

Students had other reasons for not liking Mondays, basically because they had to attend school. Sophomore Nicole Morehouse said, "I hate the Mondays when we come to school. I don't mind the ones we have off."

Sophomore Jason Barnett said, "I don't like Mondays because school is so boring and I would rather sleep in." Trying to learn in a boring environment took a lot out of the students.

Not only did some consider school a boring environment, the weekend always caught up with students on Mondays. "I'm always so tired on Monday that I can't stay alert in class," said freshman Aaron Gaul.

Not all students thought that Monday was the worst day of the week. Senior Stewart Brown said, "I love Mondays because I love to come to school and be with all my teachers and friends."

Rough weekends, too tired, not liking school, or wanting to be at school with your friends, these were all reasons for not liking or liking Mondays. But the day came, every week, like it or not.

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# Starvation hits

Imagine yourself rummaging through the cabinets and searching the refrigerator for something to eat. There's nothing there. Looks like you're eating out again.

Some students who could not find what they wanted to eat picked up something at their favorite place to eat out. Sophomore Craig Brown said, "Charmelos is my favorite place to dine out. The food is really good there."

Freshman Josh Vest said, "My favorite place to eat out is Taco Bell because it is fast, cheap, and the food tastes good. I eat there probably two or three days a week."

Favorite places to eat varied from fast food to family restaurants. Junior Patrick Rollins said, "I like to eat at Rockola Cafe because the food is great and my brother works there."

Freshman Russell Taylor said, "McDonald's is my favorite place to eat because it's close and I enjoy the food there."

How much students or their parents enjoyed cooking was usually the determiner to how often they ate out. Those whose parents cooked at home every night didn't see the need to eat out. Junior Aaron Goodman said, "I usually eat out at least twice a week because my parents do not like to cook."

For students, food was food. It really didn't matter where they ate or who cooked it, as long as they stayed well fed.

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Sometimes, lunch at school, early in the morning seemed more like a breakfast. Many students needed a "light" lunch after school to last them until dinner. Freshmen Natalie Hunt and Tina Goodson, after a hard day of school, go to McDonald's for a bite to eat.

During the Seafood festival, juniors Sara Breed and Kristy Ernzen help in supplying visitors with food. When people dined out, it often benefitted those selling the goodies. Kristy and Sara were helping with the band boosters to raise money for the spring trip to Myrtle Beach.





After school, students stopped by the new McDonalds for a snack. Sophomore Jerry Vescott waits for sophomore Ryan Montgomery to finish his meal. Jerry said, "I enjoy the new McDonalds because it's closer than the other one. It's easier to stop by for a snack after school."



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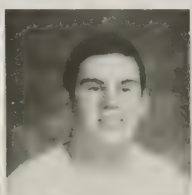
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The weekend before school started, St. Kateri Tekakwitha's youth group attended a retreat at Camp Skimino, outside Williamsburg. Freshmen Keith Silcox, Amber Watkins and Christy McIntire roast marshmallows after having spent the day canoeing and playing volleyball.

On an October day, junior Leanne Phillips had a party for her birthday. One of the activities of the day included a balloon relay. Juniors Lindsay Keddell and Melissa Carter try to make it to the finish line before popping their balloons. They were competing against seniors Tim Murphy, Laura Asakura and Marcus Jones.



## DAYS OF RELAXATION:

# Extra time

Playing. Working. Dancing. Partying. Bowling.

Weekends were a time for students to relax. "I hang out with my friends and go to the movies. Sometimes I even go bowling. But, whatever I do, I don't go ballroom dancing," said junior Preston Noe. Hanging out with friends was a popular choice among students.

Others spent the time with a boyfriend or girlfriend. Senior Tiffanie Petrin said, "My boyfriend and I spend the weekend figuring out what to do and by the time we decide, it's too late to go."

Working was another way that students chose to spend their weekends. Junior George Gori said, "I spend my weekends working at Little Caesars. I'd rather make money than spend time with my friends."

Many spent the whole week working hard to raise money for the weekend. "I do chores during the week to earn allowance. Then on the weekends, I go to the mall and spend my allowance on clothes," said sophomore Jennifer Mabe.

Sports and other activities took up a lot of time on weekends. Sophomore Christina Stutt said, "Sometimes I have to go to ballet classes. If I don't have ballet, then I normally have field hockey."

Some students were so busy they didn't have free time to spend on the weekends. For them, studying and homework came before play. Freshman Katie Boyle said, "I spend all of my time doing homework because my teachers assign so much."

Weekends were the time that all students looked forward to. It was a needed break from the hard work at school.

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# Lunch

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By  
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## UNSUNG HEROES FEED HUNGRY STUDENTS

They come in every morning before anyone else steps into the building. They put on their uniforms and start working. They never fuss or complain about anything and still greet you with a "Hello darling." These are the unsung lunch ladies.

All the lunch ladies have worked here for more than fifteen years. "I like working here very much, mostly because I love the students and faculty. They make my job so enjoyable," said Mrs. Paulette Evans, manager of the kitchen.

The lunch ladies made no profit in doing their jobs. They purchased the food independently and hoped they got

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**Mrs. Paulette Evans**

it back after selling the lunch. Supervisor Mrs. Virginia Rollins said, "The food service is a self-supporting small business. We are regulated by the Federal government. We purchase everything, including equipment."

Mrs. Rollins also was the supervisor of three other school cafeterias in the Poquoson school system. She said, "The only complaint I have about supervising four schools is the attitude problems of the lunch ladies in the other schools."

In addition to the lunch food, students had a chance to win a free ice cream when they got "Lucky Plate." Mrs. Evans said, "We have always done lucky plate. It helps us show students our appreciation for buying lunch here in school."

"On days such as Taco Day or Chicken-Dino Nugget Day, days which on the average had relatively high lunch sales, more lucky plates were put out," added Evans.

Being a lunch lady most often was a great deal of work. It also meant being dedicated to one's job. These women were many times unappreciated, and were not properly recognized.



### Breakfast is served

**Besides** buying lunch during school, students could also purchase food in the morning. Freshman Ricky Snapp buys some cinnamon sticks to eat for breakfast before class.

### Double double...

**Spaghetti** was one of the students' favorite lunches. In the kitchen early in the morning one Tuesday, Mrs. Paulette Evans stirs the spaghetti sauce in the pressure cooker. A portion of the profits they made went to pay for such equipment.



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### **Tastes like fish?**

**Students** were informed ahead of time of what each day's lunch would be. On a rare fish nugget day, lunch lady Mrs. Paulette Evans puts up the day's menu. Students thought that it was a Dino-Nugget day, but the lunch ladies changed it to fish nuggets.

### **Break time**

**During** her morning break, lunch lady Mrs. Myrna Champ enjoys her cup of coffee and eggs. The lunch ladies often brought in food from home and prepared it in the lunch room to eat on their break. Sometimes teachers joined in on the goodies.



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### *The winner is...*

**With** spirit stick in hand, Mrs. Becky Morrison looks over at her cheerleaders while deciding who would win the most spirited-class award on Toga day. Mrs. Morrison was the head coach of the cheerleading squad and a history teacher.

### *Ground stroke*

**Returning** a serve with a forehand, English teacher and boys' tennis coach Mr. Mark VanDervort plays tennis while on vacation in Independence, Virginia. He and some members of the tennis team went there during the summer. "We went fishing in the mornings and evenings, and played tennis in the afternoons," said VanDervort.





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## TEACHERS TEACH, COACH

Your teachers have a bad day in school and then you get to listen to them yell at you during practice. Sound familiar to you? It should if you participated on a sports team.

Having your teacher for a coach definitely had its advantages and its disadvantages. As the cross country team manager, junior Amanda Robertson had Mr. Jeffrey Jackson as a coach and as her physics teacher. "He depends on me for everything at practice and then picks on me in class," said Amanda.

From Mr. Jackson's point of view, his teaching agenda and approach to coaching were different. "It's a different

***You develop a closer relationship with the athletes, although advanced placement classes offer a similar environment.***

**Dr. Bob Baker**

relationship," said Mr. Jackson.

The Chinese philosopher Confucius once said, "You learn more about a man in one hour of play than in a lifetime of discussion."

"You develop a closer relationship with the athletes, although Advanced Placement classes offer a similar environment," said teacher as well as varsity basketball coach Dr. Robert Baker. "The people I know best are the people I coach."

In most situations, students did not mind seeing coaches as teachers. "I do not have a coach who is also my teacher, but I see them in the hall and I think it is good to see them during the day before practices," said sophomore Patrick Johnson.

Having teachers as coaches and vice versa often was a beneficial experience. Sophomore Ashleigh Schuller said, "A coach is a teacher and a teacher is a coach. A good coach teaches us that we never lose a game. We just run out of time."

By  
Hilary Johnson



### Fundraising

**Cheerleaders** operated a dunking booth at the Seafood Festival to raise money for new uniforms. Mr. Joe Garrity sprayed passersby with a squirt gun to entice them to try to dunk him.

### Coach slinky

**While** physics teacher and track/cross country coach Mr. Jeff Jackson explained wave mechanics to his physics class, history teacher and basketball coach Dr. Bob Baker holds a slinky to his ear. "Mr. Jackson asked me to help demonstrate a physics experiment," said Baker.



# Temporary

## teachers

By  
Charlie French

### SUBS TAKE CHARGE AT MOMENT'S NOTICE

"Hello class, your normal teacher will not be here today, and I will be her substitute.

We all heard that phrase before in one form or another.

Every student had a substitute teacher sometime. When the regular instructor was not able to be in class for some reason, it was up to the substitute to control and monitor the class.

Sometimes substitutes did not have as much of a rigid class structure. Freshman Ryan Ferry said, "Normally the substitute is more lenient than the regular teachers are, but on the other hand, substitutes may feel that they need to be more strict because they feel that they have to do a good job filling in for the regular teacher, who knows the ideal learning environment for that particular class."

***I don't have a problem with most kids, but a lot of kids know me and listen to what I have to say.***      **Mr. Mark Rappatone**

Junior Amanda Robertson felt that class was conducted a little bit differently when substitute teachers were filling in. Amanda said, "Class is a lot crazier whenever the teacher is gone and we have a sub. Substitutes have trouble controlling kids."

When resource teacher Mrs. Barbara Rich could not make it to teach her class and had to have a substitute, she said, "I request a certain substitute whom I can rely on. I am never disappointed with her."

Just as teachers preferred one substitute over another, so did students. Freshman Paul Keddell said, "I prefer certain substitutes over others, because some can relate better to the students and are more on the same wavelength."

When Mr. Mark Rappatone, who served as the athletic trainer as well as a substitute teacher, was asked if he ever had any trouble controlling a class, he said, "I don't have a problem with most kids, but a lot of kids know me and listen to what I have to say. The difficult students are generally like that for their normal teachers."

On substitute teachers in general, junior Chris Lorigan said, "Everyone gives substitute teachers a hard time, but they are not really that bad."



#### Remember when...

**Speaking** with some students, Mrs. Mary Lou Ferguson substitutes in Mrs. Dott VanDervort's sixth hour yearbook class. They questioned her about comparisons of music between when she was in high school and now.

#### Look here

**Substitute** teachers were often welcomed by students as a break from the monotony of everyday classes. In journalism class, senior Bob Goddin discusses the artwork above the blackboard in Mr. Mark VanDervort's room with Mr. Mick Micula.



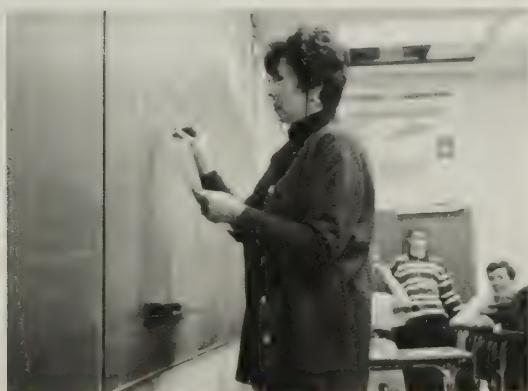




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### Pay attention

**In** Mrs. Becky Morrison's sixth hour history class, Mrs. Mary Lou Ferguson relieves Mrs. Morrison from that day by subbing for her. Mrs. Ferguson was one of the regular substitutes who was called when a teacher was out. Mrs. Betty Duty in the office had the job of calling the subs every day.

### Draw this

**Students** enjoyed having substitute teachers from time to time. Senior Han Choi asks substitute Mr. Mark Rappatone for help in Mr. Ed Spain's sixth hour Basic Technical Drawing class. Han said, "I felt he was a lot cooler than Mr. Spain, who gets on my case every single day."



BEHIND every

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By Dean Shannon

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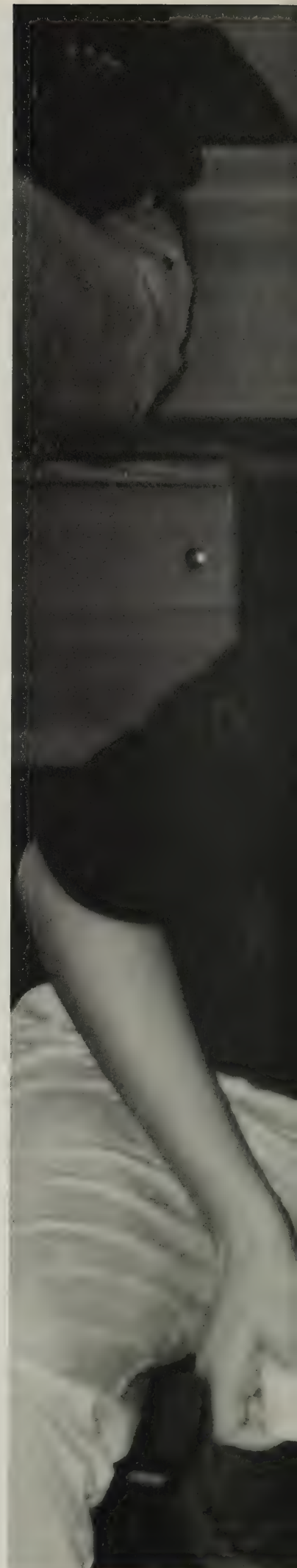
as a whole. During the school

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was arranged with the local

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As always, within the first couple of weeks of school, the doors to the school were opened to the community and parents for back-to-school night. Senior Laura Schempf sells baked goods for National Honor Society to a parent in the commons. Parents were invited to attend their child’s classes and meet their teachers during the evening.







offered endless advantages to the school, including coupons, fund-raisers, and even the crowns at Valentine's Dance.

Senior Key Club vice-president Charlie French said, "Whenever we have fund-raisers the community is always willing to help out. Especially the Kiwanas Club because they are our sponsor."

Equally important were the people. The numerous parents and fans were constantly out there in the community cheering at games and helping the clubs. Sophomore Jonathan Falls said, "I'm always amazed at how many people are at the football games. They can't all be parents."

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**MR.** Mark Rappatone and his band of junior athletic trainers were a welcome addition to the school and community. Senior Lara Flanagan tapes senior basketball player Brady Diggs' ankle prior to the game. At least one of the junior trainers was present at every athletic event.



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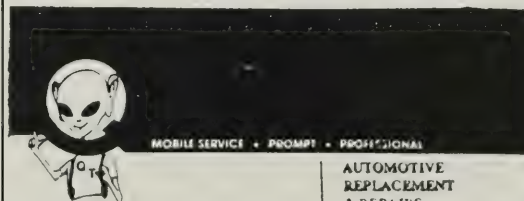


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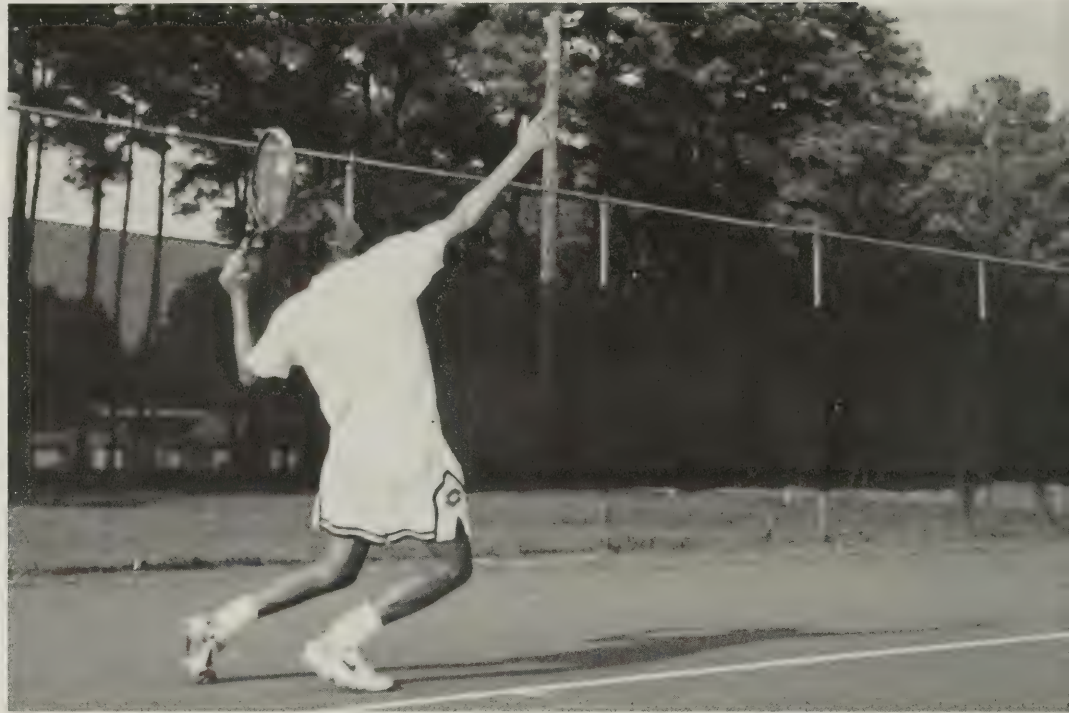
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**Having a different** dominant hand than most opponents sometimes became an advantage. Lefthandedness was an advantage in tennis. Sophomore Maurice Kaiser said, "As a left-handed player, you can put an opposite spin on the ball and also hit the ball out wide more easily."



# Southpaws proud of status

by David Lopez

Not too many students are left handed in Poquoson. Seeing one is like seeing a deer, it rarely happens. Many people have different opinions about being left handed.

"Lefties rule because we are better than everyone else," said sophomore Maurice Kaiser.

Junior Brian Humphries said, "I really don't feel odd being lefty because I was born like that and it's natural."

Students who wrote lefty were not ashamed of it. Senior Paul Watlington proudly said, "I would never change my left handedness because only five percent of the world is lefty and I'm special because of that."

One student even wanted to be lefty. Senior Laura Asakura said, "I would like to be left handed because usually left handed people are more creative."

Although it was different being left handed, there were some disadvantages. Teacher Mr. Mark VanDervort said, "Power saws and scissors are the biggest

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disadvantages to me. After 45 years, I have yet to cut anything straight."

Senior Leslie Inge agreed with Mr. VanDervort. She said, "There are more disadvantages, but I like being different. It helps in softball because batters usually don't see many lefty pitchers."

So to some people being lefty was a marvelous experience, but to others it was a nightmare.



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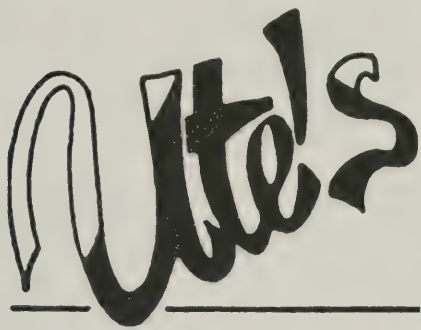
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**With five minutes** left in Mr. Bob Gemmill's first period biology class, sophomores Beth Ann Thomas and Nikki Folks clown around. They had enough time to draw a likeness of Mr. Gemmill and imitate him before the bell rang.



# Last five minutes cherished

by Chuck Winstead

Ring! Classes dismissed! These are the two things kids love to hear. What do students have on their minds just a few minutes before the bell rings?

The last five minutes of class was when the clock just froze. Junior Donald Todd said, "I usually tend to try and remember if I had any homework I forgot to do before I get to class. Because if I did, I have to think of an excuse."

Another supporter of the frozen clock theory, sophomore Miranda Wichelne, said, "The last five minutes are the longest and they take forever to pass."

Proving that all people are not alike, junior Patricia Baker said, "Besides getting my books together, I talk to my friends."

Agreeing with Patricia, freshman Matt Britt said, "I talk to my friends and pack up for next hour."

Trying to keep the day ahead full of sports, senior Nikola Laca said, "I'm getting ready to get out of school, finally, and go to play tennis."

"I usually tend to try and remember if I had any homework I forgot to do before I get to class."

Although not all end-of-class experiences were equal, students agreed with senior Han Choi when he described exactly what the last five minutes of class was actually like for him. Han said, "My last five minutes of class have sort of a hypnotic affect on me. The next thing I know I'm in a deep sleep."

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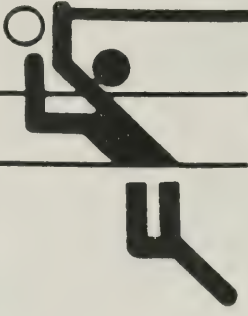
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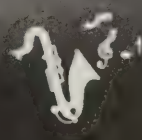
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**Fundraising was common** for extracurricular activities. Band members sold fruit to lower the cost of their spring trip and to pay for their new uniforms. Sophomore Danielle Kukich pushes boxes of fruit on a Saturday morning. She was bringing them out to the customers.



# Fundraisers fuel clubs, organizations

by Jennifer Freeman

Five minutes left in class. Your stomach churns and your mouth moistens at the thought of a chewy chocolate Reese's cup with creamy peanut butter. Your hunger overpowers your actions as you ask, "Is anyone selling anything today?"

Clubs and organizations raised funds to meet expenses. Although many students bought candy to stifle their craving, some invested in the product to show respect or sponsor a certain organization. "I usually have candy with me, so I buy candy to sponsor the clubs or just help people sell it," said freshman Katie Powell.

High prices sometimes deterred buyers, but many remembered it was for a good cause. Senior Jeremy Miller said, "It may be a little high, but you're raising money for a club. I personally would charge \$1.50 a candy bar."

Not all organizations sold candy to raise money. They resorted to other fundraising techniques. "Direct sponsorships raise the most money because you don't have to share the profits or pay for the product you

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sold. That's how the literary magazine has worked in the past," said senior April Insley.

The band put time into fund-raising. One project was selling oranges and tangerines. Junior Becky David said, "On Fridays the students unload the fruit off the truck and on Saturdays the people pick them up. It's a lot of money coming in, but it's also hard work."

Most of the organizations needed the raised money to function. Through time, effort, and donations, the student body contributed to these groups.



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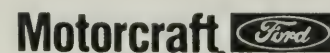
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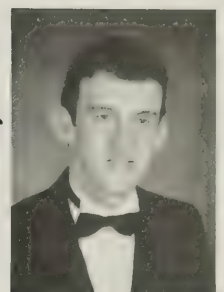
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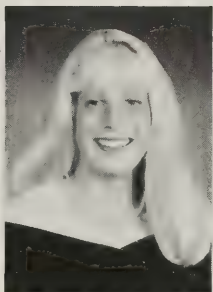
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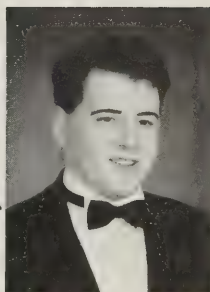
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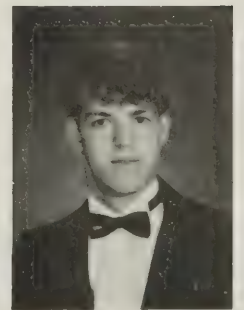
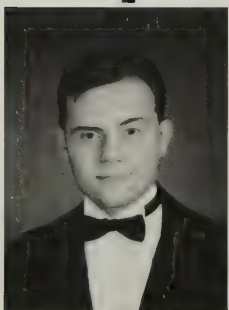
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For the most part, the senior class was acquainted with the school well enough to know where their classes were located. In the commons, senior Bob Goddin, class schedule in hand, inquires of senior Ginger Aldridge the location of his next class.



# First day brings mixed feelings

by Russ Moldenhauer

"Beep." The first bell rings and students scramble off to class. The sight of a new thirty-pound text book awakens them and erases all doubt that school has begun.

The atmosphere of a hectic schedule, compounded with an increase in the student body, contrasted a lazy summer. Junior Brad Fitzpatrick said, "The school is too doggone crowded. You can't even move in the halls!"

Feelings were mixed as students adjusted to their schedules. Not all were successful. "I went to gym fifth period instead of sixth. I fell and scratched my knee trying to get to the right class," said sophomore Suzanne Ayers.

Schedules didn't cause all the problems. The new lunch line caused some minor confusion. Both the lines winding around the same side helped clear up the halls. Senior Tim Jones said, "I didn't understand the announcement about the lunch lines, so I basically followed the crowd."

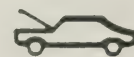
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Even the freshmen managed to adjust as things settled down. "Mrs. Gaines joked a lot and made things much easier," said freshman Pat Piercefield.

Students had different ways to celebrate the end of summer and the coming of a new school year. Senior Camie Williams said, "This year's a party like last year!"

After the jitters and nerves settled down from the hectic first week, there were still some incidents, but most were optimistic.

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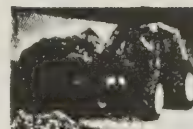
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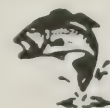
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
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# Rain dampens festival

by Colleen Smith

The smell of funnel cakes and seafood fills the air as you make your way across the baseball field. The continual drizzle of rain is now dripping from your hair and into your eyes, making it impossible to see. You listen, swaying gently to the beat of the music echoing over the crowd.

The rain almost ruined the annual Seafood Festival, but for at least one day festival goers tried to outstay it. The turnout wasn't as good as it had been in years past. Senior Bob Goddin said, "The rain made all the difference in the world. The weather seemed to bring everyone's spirits down. It was very disappointing. The festival would have been ten times better if the weather had cooperated."

The bad weather also forced some to stay home and wait for next year's festival. Those not in attendance didn't seem to be all that concerned. Sophomore Sandy Shandor said, "I wasn't there because I went on vacation, but from what I heard, I'm glad I missed all the rain."

"The rain seemed to bring everyone's spirits down. It was very disappointing."

A few students stayed away from the festivities completely, due to the terrible weather. Junior Phillips Booker said, "I don't know what the festival was like because I didn't get to go because of the rain."

Though the rain was an intrusion, freshman Charlotte Teague tried to stick it out despite the rain. She said, "Even though I only got to spend about 5 hours and ten bucks there, I still had a good time."

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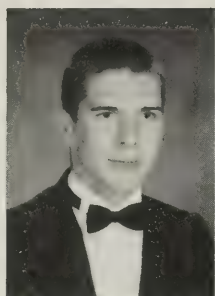


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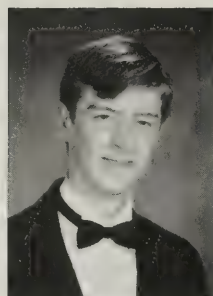
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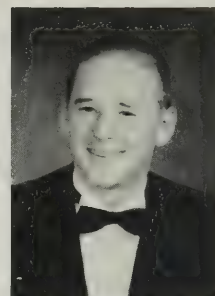
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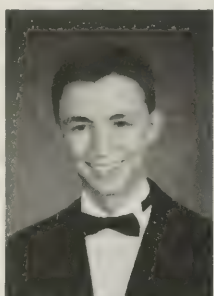
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Congratulate This  
Year's Graduating  
Band and Auxiliary  
Seniors**

Laura Asakura  
Kandi Fowler  
Jennifer Freeman  
Charlie French  
Beth Gottschall  
Peggy Gross  
Marcus Jones  
Laura Kukich  
Dave McGarry  
Wyn McPherson

Jeff Mast  
Jeremy Miller  
Russ Moldenhauer  
Elizabeth Montalvo  
Morgan Newlon  
Tiffanie Petrin  
Jason Price  
Shelby Savage  
Rob Stallard  
Amber Watkins

**Islander Band  
Awards 1995-1996**

**Monarch Invitational**

Second Place Drum Majors

**Beach Classic**

Second Place Drum Line

**V.B.D.O.A. State Marching  
Festival**

Excellent Rating

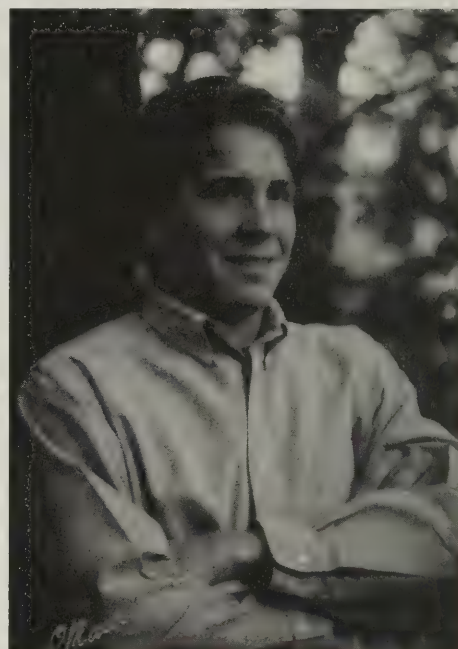
**V.B.D.O.A. District  
Symphonic Band Festival**

Excellent Rating





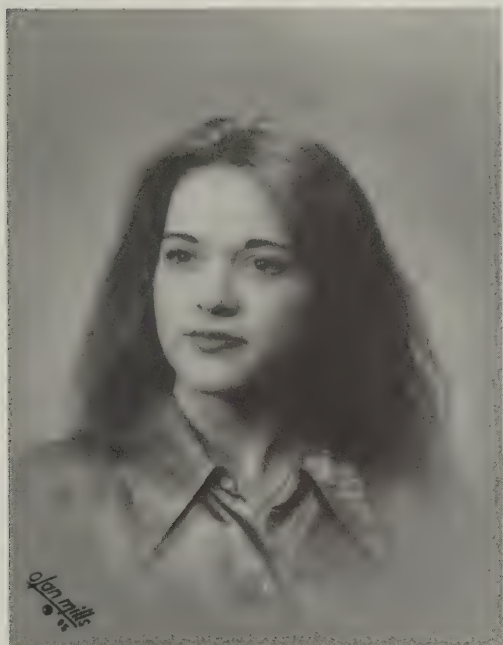
*Brady -  
It's been years of  
good friends and good  
times. Now the whole  
world is open to you.  
Challenge it!*



*All our love,  
Your family*







*There are friends who sail  
like ships in the night  
Who meet for a moment and  
then  
sail out of sight  
With never a backward  
glance of regret  
Friends you know briefly  
then quickly forget...*



*There are friends who sail  
together, through quiet  
waters and stormy weather.  
Helping each other through  
joy and through strife-  
And they are the kind  
That give meaning to life.*



*Congratulations Rachel and Sara  
Love, your Parents*





# The Gang

JASON ABBOTT  
 LAURA ASAKURA  
 TOM BEAZLIE  
 LARA FLANAGAN  
 KANDI FOWLER  
 CHARLIE FRENCH  
 PEGGY GROSS  
 MARCUS JONES  
 TIM MURPHY  
 LAURA SCHEMPF  
 DEAN SHANNON  
 ROB STALLARD  
 CHUCK WINSTEAD



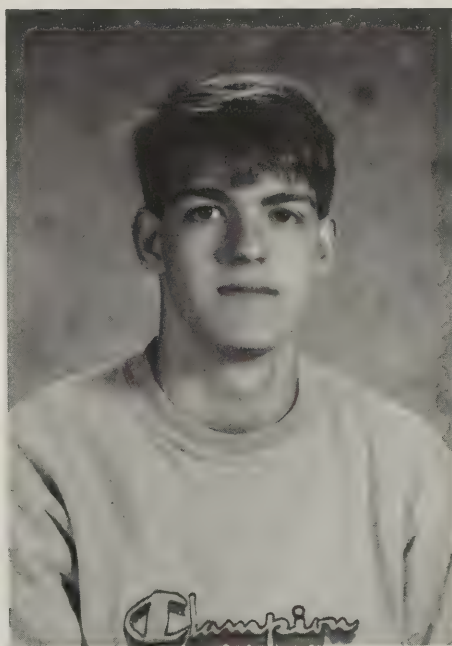




*Congratulations Lara!  
Friends make the difference.  
It's about pride!  
Love, Mom and Dad*

**TIM MURPHY**

**The Lord blessed us  
by sending you to  
our family.  
The Lord blessed  
you  
as you grew and  
matured.  
Now may you bless  
others  
as the Lord works  
through you.  
XOXOXOX  
Dad and Mom**



*Congratulations,  
Laura!  
Love, Mom, Dad,  
Larry*







# Bill Hawley & the Smoots

Marcus Jones: Drummer  
Dave McGarry: Lead Guitar  
Chandler McQuoid: Bass

Your Families wish you a lifetime of happiness  
through your music and friendship.

Marcus



Dave



Chandler







Sarah



Mary

Katie



When you're the best of friends, having so much fun together, you're not even aware you're such a funny pair, you're the best of friends. Life's a happy game, you could clown around forever.

If only the world wouldn't get in the way, if only people would just let you play. They say you're being fools, you're breaking all the rules. They can't understand, when you're the best of friends sharing all that you discover.

I hope it never ends cause you're the best of friends!  
- Fox and the Hound

Good luck at JMU and UVA!

Congratulations!

Love,

Your Families





# PHS'S PROUD SUPPORTERS OF THE BEST UNIVERSITY IN VIRGINIA! A BIG "HOKIE HIGH" (36-29) TO ALL UVA FANS



## **BRAD and NICK**

*So many things in your lives are changing now.*

*But you've been through a lot together and your friendship has not only withstood these changes but has helped you through them. And though some things can't be the same, we know you'll always be friends.*

Love,  
Your Parents







*Studios from the start!*



*Nikki Taylor eat your heart out!*

### *Camiflower*

*Where did all the years go  
From Kindergarten to Metro  
Barbie dolls to driving cars  
make-believe to make-up  
From breaking bones to breaking hearts  
We knew you were "glory bound" from the start  
Goodluck at TNCC- They will need it!  
Love, Mom, Chic, Brittany and Zack*



CONGRATULATIONS  
MICHELLE!

LOVE,  
MOM, DAD AND  
ALLEN



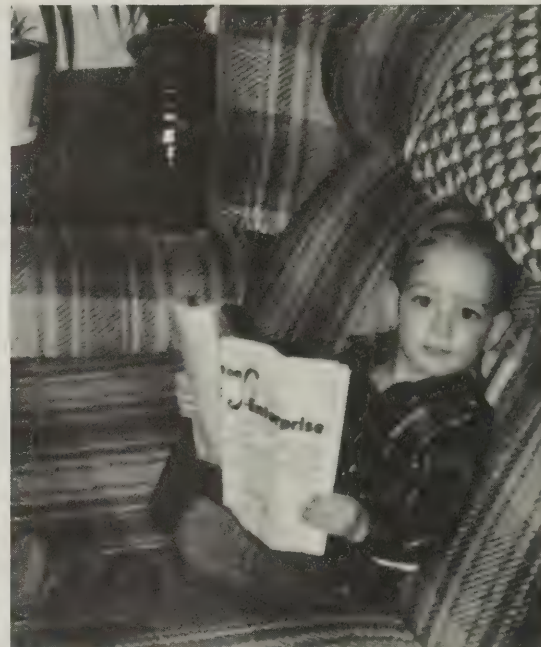
# Ryan Van Heeswyk

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

While you're at Virginia Tech.

Eat Right.

Study Hard.



Drive carefully.

Do your laundry.

Have fun!

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future,"

**You are a precious gift to us from God.  
We'll miss you so much!  
Love you forever,  
Tracie, Dad, & Mom**





*You have travelled all over the world, but now the real journey begins.*

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6.*

*God bless you and our best wishes for your future. We are so proud of you Laura!*



*Love Mom, Papa, and Danielle*





# The Dynamic Duo



*Jennifer*



*Bethany*



*From the first day of school to the last,*

*Our hearts have been bursting with pride and love for your many successful accomplishments.*

*Now, it is your time to experience the adventures of college. Mary Washington and Old Dominion won't know what hit them when you girls arrive.*

*But, remember, we will always be here for you with open arms.*

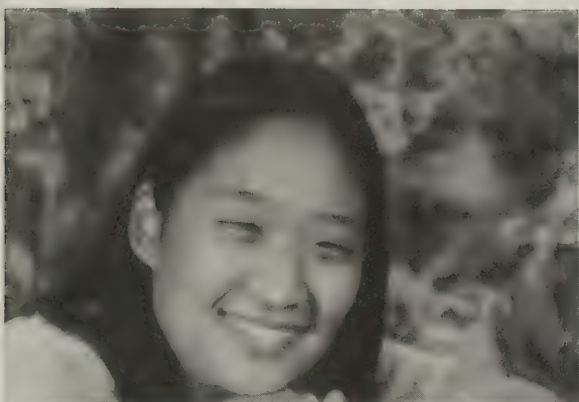
*God Bless You Both,*

*Your Loving Parents*





**BOB**



**Miss Responsibility**



**GOPHER**



**SHORTY**



**FRENCHIE**



"For Friendship is  
a priceless gift,  
that can't be  
bought or sold,  
but to have an  
understanding  
friend  
is worth far more  
than gold."  
-Helen Steiner  
Rice

**KUKUCACHOO**



Jennifer Rahng, April Insley,  
Bethany Gottschall,  
Jennifer Freeman,  
Hilary Johnson, Laura Kukich





*Ginger,  
Congratulations!  
How the years have  
flown,  
And how proud  
we've been  
That we had the  
opportunity to see  
you grow.*



*Now you're ready to  
spread your wings  
And many new  
horizons await.  
Take time to reflect on  
the past  
And then move into  
the future with  
confidence.  
Love,  
Mom & Dad*





Stuart Collins Andrew Sutton

**"HOKIE BOUND"**

STUART: A many faceted individual who has always been enthusiastic, creative, and a joy to his family!

**The Athlete**



**A Friend**



**The Jokester**



**The Adventurer**



**The "Dare-Devil"**



BEST  
WISHES FOR  
A  
WONDERFUL

FUTURE. THE BEST IS YET  
TO COME!!!

LOVE,



*MOMMY, DADDY, SARAH, T.C. & HERSHE*

**A Caring Brother**







*Congratulations Brian!*  
*If only you could know, all the happiness you've brought, all the memories you're a part of, all the dreams you've made come true-- If only you could know how very much you've always meant, you'd know just how much love and pride we'll always have for you.*

*Love,  
 Mom & Dad*



*Renee,*  
*We love you and are very proud of you. Good luck at VA Tech.*

*Love,  
 Mom, Tommy,  
 Sonny, and Robbi*



*Friends through thick and thin-  
 Congratulations, Dwight and Ryan*

*Love, MOMS, DADS, AND BROTHERS*





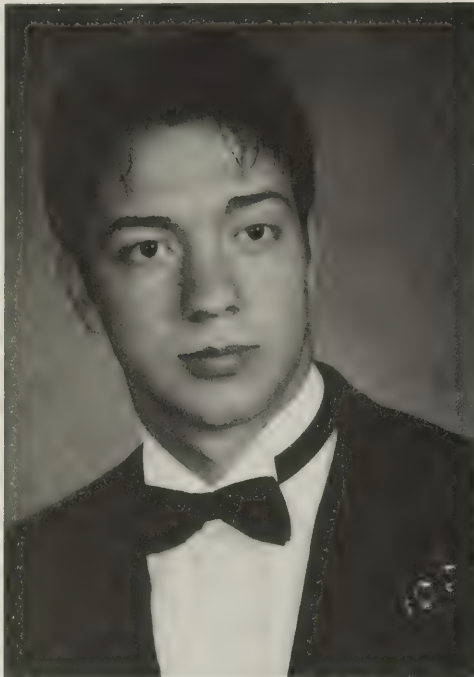
# Brian & Lucas



*Footprints in the  
kitchen, fingerprints on  
the wall. Now they  
are precious memories of  
when you were small.  
Thanks for the memo-  
ries. No matter what  
road you choose to travel,  
you have our love and  
support.  
We're proud of both of  
you!  
Love,  
Your parents and  
family*

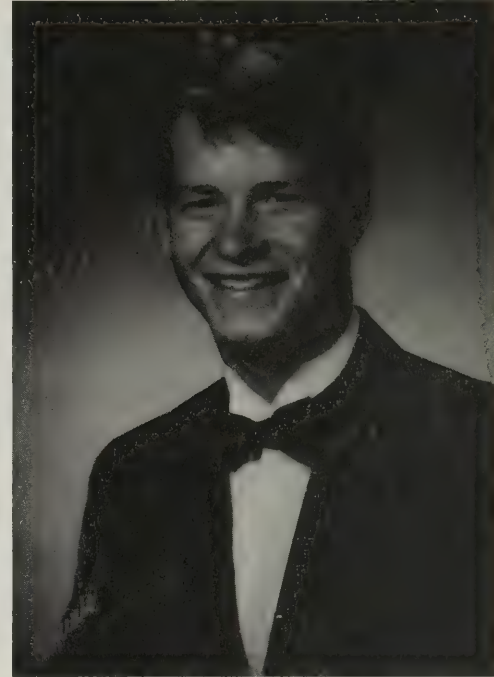






# *Rob and Tom Class of 1996*

*He that has found  
a faithful friend  
has found  
treasure.*



*Band*

*Duke*

*Soccer*



*Officiating*

*Golf*

*Happy  
Mountain*



*Thanks for the  
memories!*

*Love,  
Moms and Dads,  
Crockut, Erin, Leeza,  
Frank, and Sally*



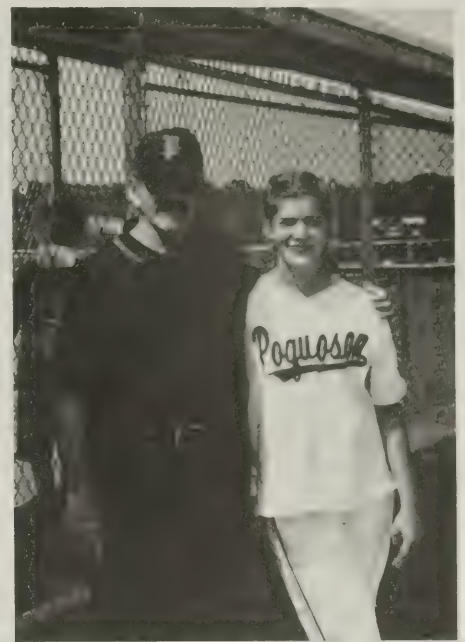


Leslie,

We are proud of you, your accomplishments,  
and the path you have chosen in life.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Jacob, & Jordan



I know the plans I  
have for you...to prosper  
you, to give you hope  
and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

I love you, keep  
on pitching.  
Grandad B.L.



Where are all the childhood years once filled with laughter  
and sometimes tears

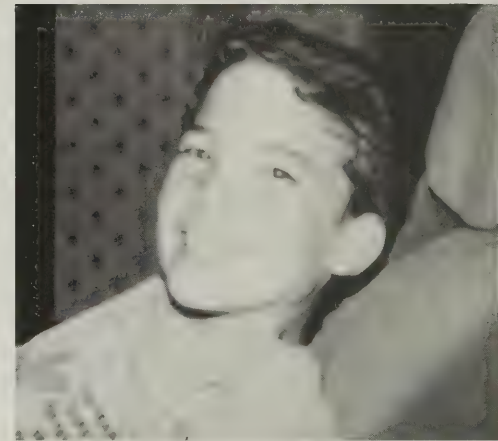
The memories we have and the joys we've shared are a  
blessing from God that cannot be compared  
WE LOVE YOU! Dad, Mom, & Lynn

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Thanks for the memories!





## Simple Man

Lynard Skynyrd Band

Mama told me when I was young,  
 "Come sit beside me, my only son  
 And listen closely to what I say.  
 And if you do this,  
 It will help you some sunny day.

Take your time...don't live too fast,  
 Troubles will come and they will pass.  
 Go find a woman and you'll find love.

And don't forget, son,  
 There is someone up above."

Chorus

"And be a simple kind of man,  
 Be something you love and understand.  
 Baby, be a simple kind of man.  
 Won't you do this for me, son,  
 If you can?"

"Forget your lust for the rich man's gold.  
 All that you need is in your soul,  
 And you can do this if you try.  
 All that I want for you, my son,  
 Is to be satisfied."

Chorus

"Boy, don't you worry... you'll find yourself,  
 Follow your heart and nothing else.  
 And you can do this if you try  
 All that I want for you, my son,  
 Is to be satisfied."

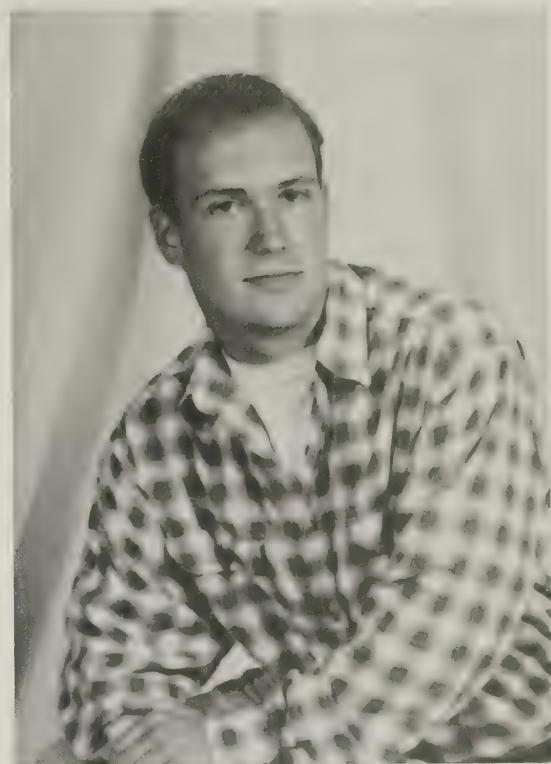
Chorus

C.J., We're so proud of the man you're becoming and love you very much.  
 Mom and Dad





CONGRATULATIONS,  
BOB!  
WE'RE SO  
PROUD OF  
YOU. GOOD  
LUCK AT  
GEORGE  
MASON  
UNIVERSITY!  
MOM, DAD,  
CHRIS, PAUL,  
AND GUS



*Dear Laura,  
From preschool to graduation...  
Time has passed quickly.  
You've made every moment count.  
We're so proud of you.  
Congratulations!  
We'll miss your sunny spirit.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad*

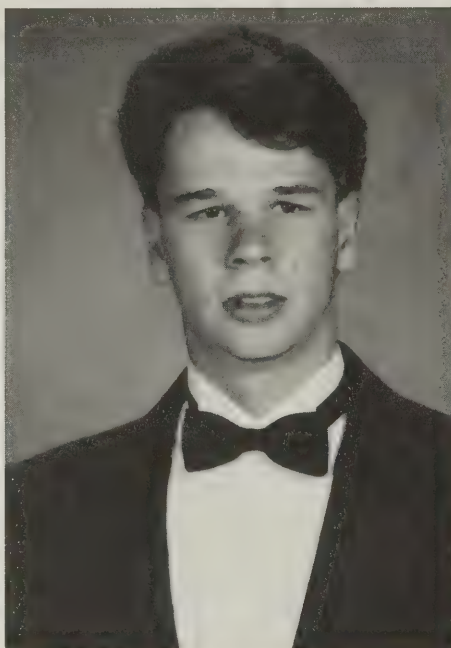


# Troy Keith Williams

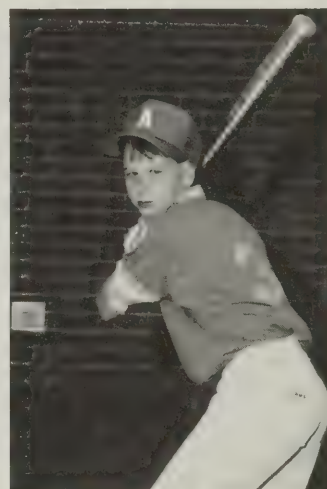
## Class of 1996

From a bouncing, brown-eyed baby  
boy

To a super terrific young man,  
You've grown in size and character  
Just as we had planned.



Honor, trust, and humor  
are always at your side,  
As well as warmth and  
tenderness  
You fill our hearts with  
pride.



Discover what the future  
holds  
And develop your own style  
Your success is guaranteed  
When you flash that dimpled  
smile.



Now it's time to graduate  
We kept our fingers crossed.  
Go out into a brand new world  
And show them who's the boss.

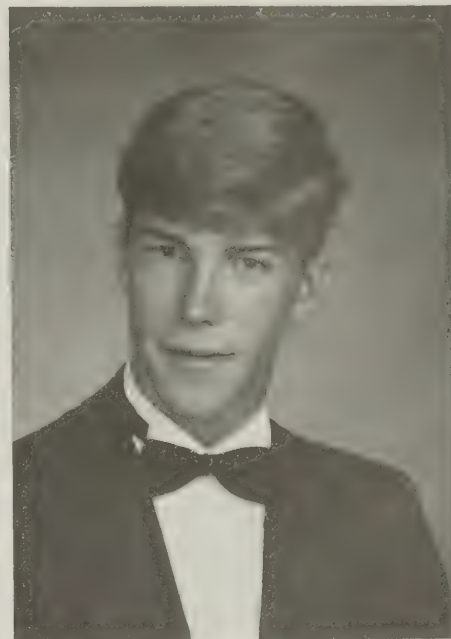


**All Our Love Forever,  
Mom, Dad, Jennifer, &  
Julie**

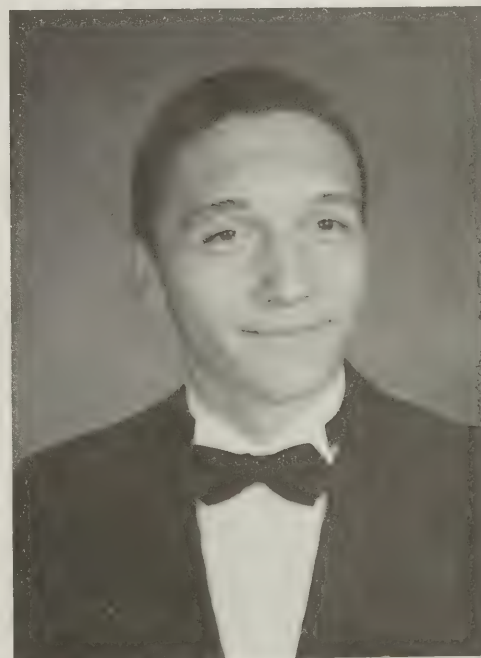




Troy,  
 Destiny is not a matter of chance,  
 It is a matter of choice,  
 It is not a thing to be waited for,  
 It is a thing to be achieved...  
 Good luck at UVA!  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Ryan, Chris, & Hailey



Nick,  
 Thank you  
 for being  
 part of the  
 VanDervort  
 and  
 Poquoson  
 family.  
 Love,



Mark, Dott, Adam  
 & Aaron





*Melissa,*

*Congratulations to the  
end of a journey that  
took so long, yet seemed so  
short. May Roanoke open  
the doors to your dreams.*

*Love,  
Mom, Dad, Jason, & Jessica*



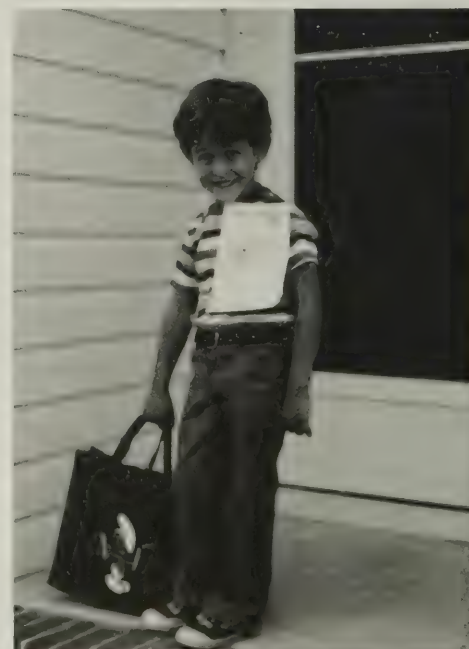
**JIMMY  
WE ARE VERY  
PROUD OF  
YOU.  
GOOD LUCK AT  
UVA!**

*Love, Mom, Dad,  
Michael, and Hokie*



**GOOD LUCK  
PETE!!  
WE'RE  
PROUD OF  
YOU!**

*Love Mom, Dad, Dave,  
and Danny*







*Colleen, we are so proud of you!*

*All our best wishes and love go with you to college.*

**Love Mom, Mike, Dad, Susan, Tara, Casey, Heather, Jay, Aubrey,  
Scott, and Vicky**



# Christine

You are  
loved for  
the little  
girl you  
were . . .



The special woman  
you are now . . .



And the wonderful  
daughter you will  
always be.

***Congratulations  
Love, Mom & Dad***





# ALEX

With pride  
for all you've  
been,  
With joy  
for all you are,  
With hope  
for all you'll be,  
And with love . . .  
for always

*Dad, Mom, and Jamie*

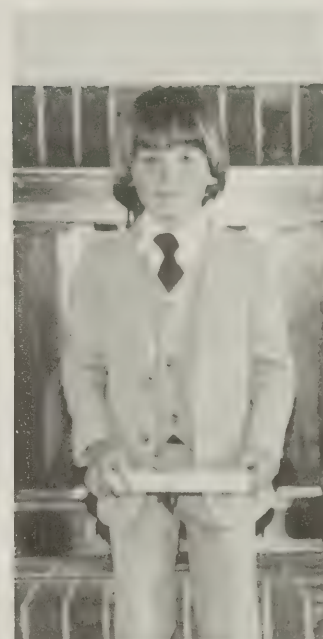


## CONGRATULATIONS JOEY (JO-JO)



It has been a joy to  
share the past 18  
years with you. We  
are proud of your  
past  
accomplishments  
and wish you  
continued success  
at Mary  
Washington.

*Love Mom, Dad, and  
Jonny*



Friendship: To  
feel as one while  
remaining two

Congratulations  
Bob & Stefanie





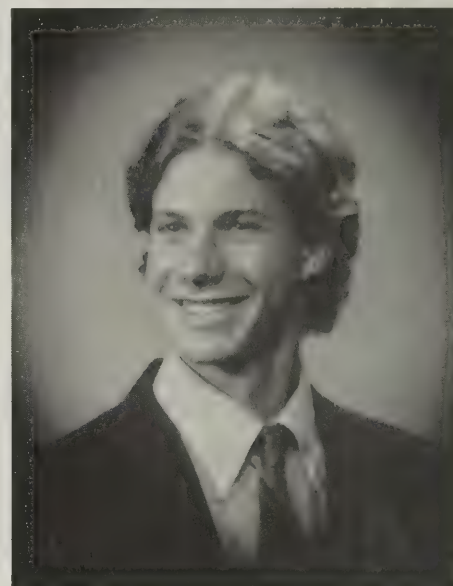
# BRIAN



**WHEREVER  
YOU GO,  
WHATEVER  
YOU DO,**



**WE WILL  
ALWAYS  
SEE  
YOUR  
SMILE,**



*Love, Mom, Dad, &  
Anne*

**FEEL YOUR HEART, AND  
HEAR YOUR SONG.**



Ryann  
Throughout the  
years, you have  
grown into a  
beautiful young  
lady with a caring  
attitude for others.  
As always, we are  
extremely proud of  
you and everything  
you have  
accomplished.  
Whatever direction  
you choose in life,  
we know you will  
be successful.



*Good luck. We love you.  
Mom, Dad, & Jessie*

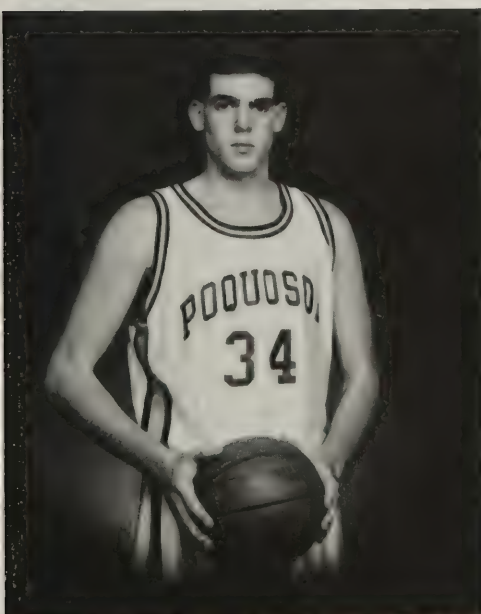




# Kristian & Jake

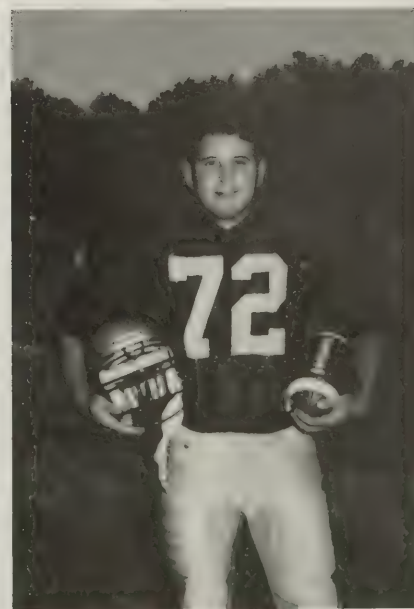


*If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours. -Thoreau*



**Love, Mom, Dad,  
Shannon, and  
Katherine**

**Love, Mom,  
Dad, and  
Aaron**







## CHRISTINA

FROM THE DAY YOU WERE BORN YOU HAVE BEEN A SPECIAL BLESSING TO US. REMEMBER THE FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN, YOU CAME HOME AND SAID YOU DIDN'T NEED TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL. YOU KNEW EVERYTHING YOUR TEACHER HAD TAUGHT YOU. JUST LOOK WHAT ELSE YOU LEARNED THROUGH THE YEARS. WE WISH YOU THE VERY BEST THAT LIFE CAN OFFER. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU.



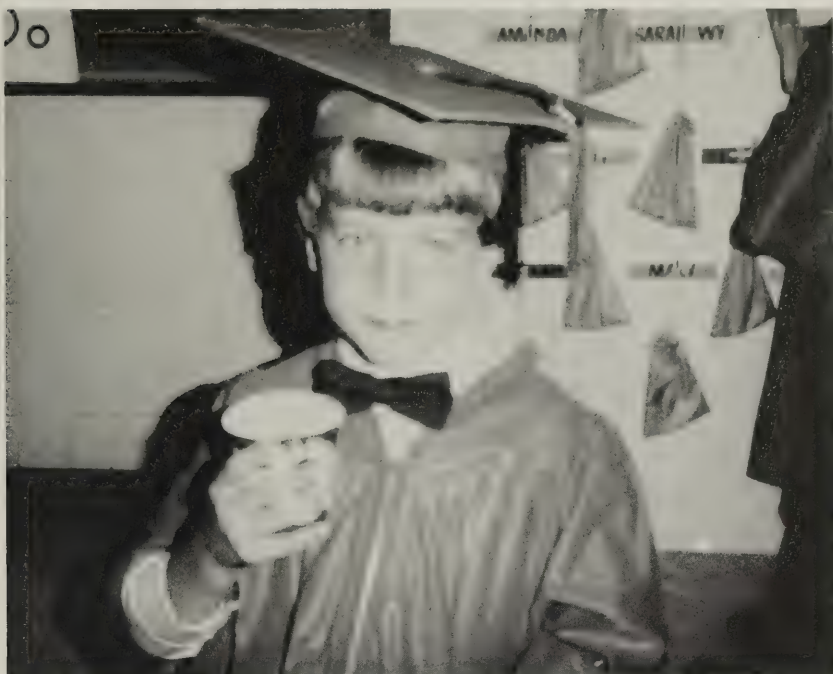
***Proverbs 3:5  
Love Mom & Dad***





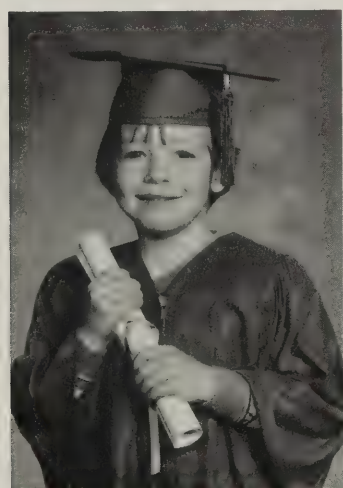
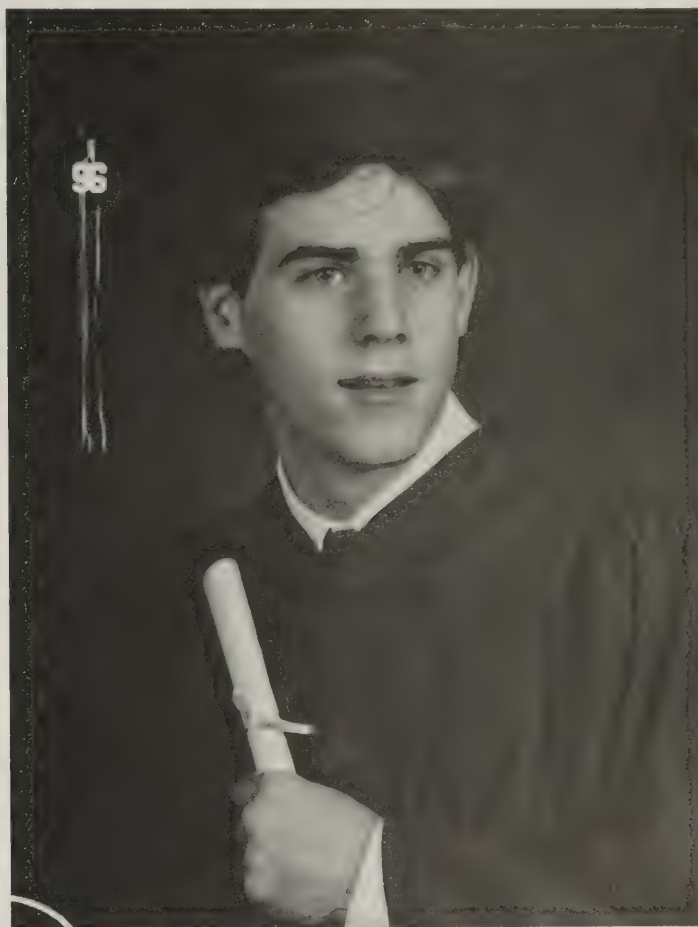
WE LOVED YOU THEN . . .

WE LOVE YOU NOW . . .



**AND ALWAYS WILL.**

*Congratulations Troy!!!  
Mom & Dad*



**M**atthew, May God be with you in all your goals. Your smile and wit are your assets. You have been a blessing to us. We want you to know how very proud we are to have you as our "son." **GOD BLESS, YOU DID IT!** *Congratulations.*

*Love, Mom, Dad, & Andrew*





# *Congratulations Tiffanie!*

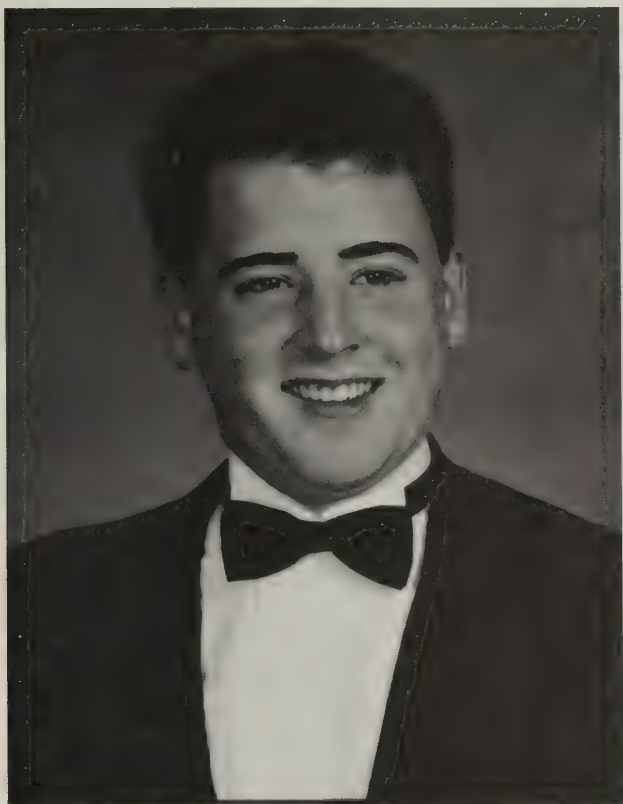


*We know not what  
your future holds,  
but we know who holds  
your future -- you can  
accomplish anything you  
set out to do. We're very  
proud of you.*

*Love, Dad, Mom, Desire', Mick, &  
Dylan*



# Corrigan



When Irish hearts are happy  
all the world seems bright and gay  
But when Irish eyes are smiling  
sure they will steal your heart away.



Heather,  
It has been a joy to  
have shared the past  
eighteen years with  
you. You have always  
been the best daughter  
that any parent could  
have asked for. We



love you  
and are  
proud to



call you our daughter and  
our friend. Congratulations.

*Love, Mama, Daddy, & Matt*





*Peggy,*

Remember that no matter what tomorrow holds . . . we'll be right there beside you. Congratulations and good luck.

***Mom, Dad, Shari, Stacy, & Cocoa***



*Sarah,*



*You have grown up by the serenity and solitude of the Bay. You have seen its gentle swells and beauty. You have also known the strength and endurance of the mountains as a part of your life. As you grow away from us, we know that you have taken only the best qualities of both. Enjoy the Shenandoah Valley -- Remember us by the Bay!*

***We love you,  
Mom, Dad, & Christopher***

**Congratulations  
Mike!  
We love you.**

***Mom, Dad, and Dawn***







BILL  
HAWLEY  
AND THE  
SMOOTS,  
BASEBALL,



BASKETBALL, TRUMPETS,  
DRUMS, CROSS COUNTRY, AND  
LAURA . . . ALL OF THESE AND  
MORE MAKE UP THE OLDEST OF  
FOUR. WE COULDN'T BE  
PROUDER!

***Love always,  
Mom & Dad***



*~Congratulations Charlie~*

We have loving memories of the little boy  
you were and special pride in the  
multi-talented young man you've become.  
May God continue to bless you and  
always remember that we love you very  
much.

***Love,  
Mom, Dad, Jenni, Chris, and  
Melanie***





# Congratulations *Islander Seniors*



**JIMMY BROOKS**

*Melissa Messick*

*Colleen Smith*

*Jennifer Freeman*

*Dean Shannon*

*Rachel Forrest*

*Kelli Alger*

*Hilary Johnson*

**Nathan  
Howell**

**ERIC INSLEY**

**DAVID  
LOPEZ**

*Charlie French*

**Russ Moldenhauer**



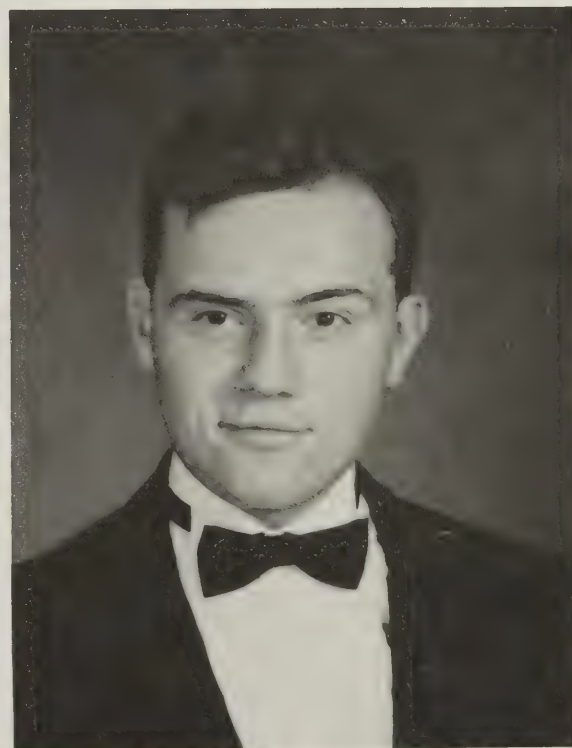


## IRISH BLESSING for an Irish Shannon

“May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sunshine warm upon your face,  
And the rains fall soft upon your fields...  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.”



# Dean



From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.” *Luke 12:48*



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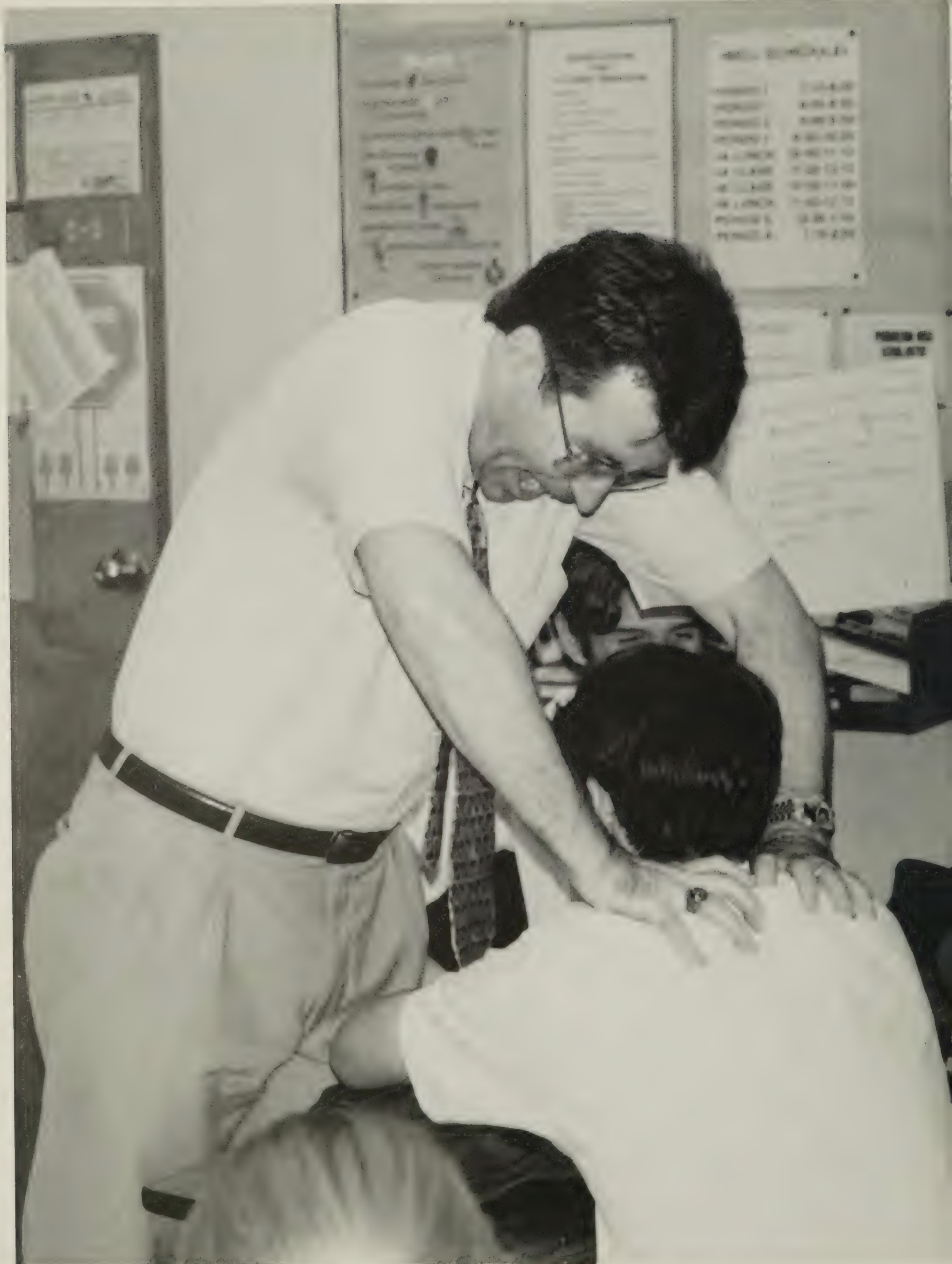
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# ALONG THE SAME LINES

owards the end of the year, classes got a little more stressful. Spanish teacher Mr. Tom Fay jokingly reprimands senior Chris Sherman for sleeping in class. Seniors often became slack as the year wore on, and teachers a little more willing to deal with it.

y the time May rolled around, students longed for that wonderful day in June when school came to a close. Students and faculty both counted down the days with numbers on their calenders. They even made gigantic posters for the commons.

Spring fever hit and students started gazing out the few windows of our school. The days got longer and hotter and there was a less-than-average attendance among seniors on Fridays.

Senior Robbie Bolden said, "I don't, and I don't know anybody who does, but rumor is that some seniors skip on Fridays." Prom approached and Dave McGarry

or George Gori were seen modeling tuxedos. Spring sports wound down and tournaments were played. Poquoson tennis players went head-to-head in district finals and Nick Laca even forfeited because of a shirt-removing neck injury.

Freshman Sean Edwards said, "It's weird how the end of the year moves so

fast, especially spring sports." These and other occurrences kept it right ALONG THE SAME LINES.

Even though things were ALONG THE SAME LINES, there were a few changes. Spring sports had one of the most successful finishes in years. The addition of a new, fierce drug policy resulted in absolutely no policy violations during the evening of prom. Even more out of the ordinary were the blizzards of '96, which created more missed school days than the past decade. But then, a little change is normal, right ALONG THE SAME LINES.



**M**ay was the home stretch in the race to end the school year, when the finish line came into view. Whether it was graduation, beach week, or even just the beginning of summer, everyone was counting the days. Senior cross-country runner Peggy Gross crosses the line at the district finals held at William and Mary.

# Finish Line

BY DEAN SHANNON

Few  
changes  
keep year  
from  
becoming  
too stagnant.



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Every day at 2:05 the final bell rang, releasing students to clubs, sports, and even to just go home. Sophomores Amanda Wynn, Brad White, and Courtney Judd exit the building after school comes to a close.





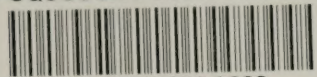








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